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#### 6 U.S. soldiers injured in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU (AP) — An explosion triggered by Somali militiamen destroyed a steel-reinforced truck in the middle of a U.S. convoy Sunday as it drove down one of the city's main streets. Six American soldiers were slightly injured. Five smaller explosions from either grenades or small mortars burst in front of the lead truck in the 22-truck convoy and some vehicles came under small arms fire, said Captaia Tim McDavin, a U.N. military spokesman. Capt. McDavin said the wounded Americans were picked up by trucks behind them and the convoy sped to the port, with the soldiers returning fire as they left the scene. There were no reports af Somali casualties. It was the third mine explosion aimed at U.S. farces since a similar device ripped apart a humvee utility vehicle on Aug. 8, killing four American military policemen. It came as more than 1,000 supporters of fugitive warlord Mohammad Farrah Aideed staged a peaceful anti-American demonstration a few kilometres away. The demonstrations occur almost weekly. "We hold Aideed responsible for all these attacks," said Major David Stockwell, the chief U.N. military nan. "We have no reason to believe h was anyone else."

Aideed wants Carter to mediate, page 2

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#### Kuwait iaunches wide graft probe campaign

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait said Sunday it was setting up committees to check all state records related to public money dealings, the official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. Minister of Public Health and Acting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Wahab Al Fawzan told KUNA the step was taken following a request submitted by the Finance Ministry. The committees will examine all spending authorisation documents and records related to financial dealings in all bodies under the state's financial administration, he said. The government agreed Saturday to pause before making more large weapons purchases after parliamentarians charged with scrutinising state spending said they needed more time to discuss ways of prevening possible corruptions (see page 2).

#### Sandinista gunmen seize nine journalists

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MANAGUA (AP) - Leftist gunmen holding hostages in the capital said Sunday they had taken nine Nicaraguan journalists as captives. A gunman, who did not identify himself, told pro-Sandinista radio Ya the journalists were seized early Sunday after media reports idenofied the commander of the hostagetakers. "The journalists are now hostages," the gunman declared. He was one of about 20 heavilyarmed men who raided the headquarters of the centre-right National Opposition Union on Friday, seizing 34 people (see

#### Iran says diplomat beaten by Iraqis

NICOSIA (AP) - An Iranian diplomat severely injured in alleged beatings by Iraqi security forces in Baghdad last week arrived in Tehran Sunday, the Islamie Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported. The agency said Mahdi Husseini, the second secretary at the Iranian consulate in Baghdad, was beaten Friday hy the Iraqis for reasons which remained unclear. But the incident coincided with a report by the Baghdad-based Iranian opposition group, Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, which said Iranian diplomats allegedly attacked families of the rebels in Baghdad Friday. There has been oo comment from Baghdad or the Mujahedeen about the alleged assault on the Iranian diplomat.

#### Shots fired at Russian ministry

MOSCOW (R) - Three automatie rifle shots were fired in the early hours of Sunday at a huild-ing housing Russia's Information Ministry and a senior aide of President Boris Yeltsin, ministry officials said. The shots hit windows on the second floor of the central Moscow huilding, where the offices of outgoing Informa-tion Minister Mikhail Fedotov (see page 10) and Yeltsin aide Mikbail Poltoranin were situated. Asked if he thought the incident was a random act, Mr. Fedotov told Reuters by telephone: "No, it was a crimioal act, a very unpleasant incident." There was no immediate evideoce as to who had fired the shots.

#### German said hiding in Tehran mission

BONN (AFP) - A German nacional sought by Iranian authorities on charges of arms trafficking fraud has been holed up in the German embassy in Tehran for the past four weeks, the daily Bild Zeitung reported in its Monday edition. The paper said the German, who was not named, was arrested by police on July 5 after being accused of embezzling large sums of money which Iranian authorities had given him to purchase weapons for Bosnian

#### French fighter crashes in Chad

PARIS (R) - A French fighter jet crashed on Sunday in Chad, killing the pilot after he failed to eject from the cockpit, the army said in a statement. The Jaguar aircraft, stationed with French armed forces operating in Chad, went down northwest of the town of Biltine, it said.

# Majali optimistic 11th round of bilateral talks will see progress

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Prime Minister Abdal Salam Al Majali Sunday expressed optimism that the next round of Arab-Israeli peace talks would produce tangible progress towards achieving a hreak-through in the 21-montb-old peace process.

... I am very optimistic. I believe that the next round of talks will be another step towards progress in the peace talks because we have been assured by the American administration that they want to see concrete progress before the end of this year," Dr. Majali told Jordan Tetevision's "News at Ten."

progress oo finalising an agenda for negotiations on the Jordanian-Israeli track of negotiations, Dr. Majali expressed hope that the Palestinian-Israeli track, the Syrian-Israeli track and the Lebanese-Israeti track will also achieve concrete progress so that Jordan's objective of a comprehensive settlement of the

Mr. Majali was talking to News at Ten after meeting local and foreign journalists at Jordan

Arab-Israeli conflict could be

In that encounter, Dr. Majali reaffirmed that Jordan would never sign an agenda charring future peace with Israel if its

In an implicit reference to the other Arab partners made no progress in separate peace talks with the Jewish state. "We are going to send our

team to Washington next week, he told the meeting. He gave no details hut officials said the delegation to the 11th round of bilateral talks should

arrive in Washington on Aug. 28 - a day after foreign ministers of Arab parties to the talks meet in Lebanon to chart negotiating strategy and formally accept the invitation ta attend the talks.

"We have said elearly that we will not move ahead (with our agenda) if there is no movement on other tracks because we believe in a comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict," Dr.

Jordan and Israel are close to agreement on the draft accord which details the basis of future peace between Jordan and Israel ia line with U.N. resolutions what could be the first sign of visible progress in the peace pro-

Answering reporters' questions during a discussion on Jordan's information policy, Dr. Majali said the peace process was a "long, complex and a difficult

But he said that the negotiations have improved the image of Palestinians worldwide.

Dr. Majali said a key problem



gathering at the Jordan Television station (Photos by Yousef Al

## Israel boosts army in S. Lebanon area

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali (right) and Information Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar Sunday meet with local and foreign journalists at a

(Agencies) — Israel sent more big guns into its "security zone" Security sources rule out a rep-

Israeli soldiers. Six self-propelled 155millimetre artillery pieces crossed the border at dawn, the first reinforcements to arrive since Israel vowed to avenge the killings on Thursday, security sources said.

A Palestinian group later threatened to rocket northern Israel if the Jewish state attacked Lebanese or Palestinian civilian

We warn the Zionist enemy against any attempt to target the Palestinian camps in Lebanon or target civilians among our Palestinian and Lebanese people because our response to rocket the enemy's northern settlements would be immediate," the Islamie Jihad Movement in Palestine (LJMP) said in a statement.

IJMP guerrillas fired Katyushas into northern Israel during a week-loog Israeli blitz of southern Lebanon last month. Israel has said it will hit back for Thursday's attacks, the dead-

liest against Israeli troops in Lebanon since 1985, but its op-

in South Lebanon Sunday, three days after guerrillas killed nine and ground bombardment of the south which killed I30 people, than 600 and drove 300,000 from their homes.

> week completed pulling out extra troops, tanks and artillery pieces it poured into the zone for the offensive after the killing of seven soldiers in July.
>
> Israeli cabinet ministers said

U.N. sources said Israel last

Israel will not be drawn into a full-scale assault in South Lebanon in response to the killing of its soldiers last week.

But the ministers did not rule out limited strikes against Hizbol-

We have to continue to hit the Hizbollah, every place and everwhere, hut to do it in a way not to involve civilians," said Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, a former general and close associate of Prime Minister Yitzhak

Minister's statements appeared to reflect the terms of an Israeli-Syrian-Lebanese accord that ended the Israeli bombardment of South Lebanon last month.

tions are limited against Hizbol- Rabin, army under fire, page 10

## Peres sees accord with Palestinians

HELSINKI (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Monday he believed a peace agreement with the Palestinians las claimed responsibility. was elose and he denied that endangered peace talks.

"Since I believe that we are very, very near to a peace agreement on the Palestinian issue, we would like to make the agreement not just a political change but also an economie success," he told a news conference. "We are really very near in

nme, in conteot, and I think it will come earlier than most people think." Mr. Peres, visiting Finland as part of an eight-day Nordie trip, said he had suggested to his hosts that they should direct part of

their foreign aid assistance to the occupied Gaza Strip to help the Palestinians economically. "The teaction until now is very

favourable," he said. "Now we have to invest in peace as we did previously in defence." Asked if violence in South

Lebanon had hit peace prospects. Mr. Peres said: "No. I don't think so because Hizbollah... is also trying to assassinate the peace process and we're not going to hand over the fate of the peace to the hands of terrorists.

by bomb hlasts to South Lebanon on Thursday. Hizhnollah guerril-

avenge the deaths, Mr. Peres said: "We're not dealing with revenge, we're dealing with prevention ... and to get bold of the responsible people for terror."

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Saturday discussion of the status of Arah East Jerusalem, a booe of contention hetween Israel and the Palestinians at the peace talks, would be raised during interim self-rule. Mr. Arafat said East Jeru-

salem, which he called the "capital of the State of Palestine, would be brought up for discussion with the Israelis during the third year of a five-year interim Palestinian self-rule period. "The issue of Jerusalem is not

only a Palestinian ptoblem. It is a Palestinian, an Arah, Islamie and Christian issue... he who gives up one grain of Jerusalem... is not one of us," Mr. Arafat told Beirut's Voice of Lebanon radio in a telephone interview.

The issue of Jerusalem will be raised in the third year of the interim period," the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

# Asked if there were plans to

Press Association (JPA), the the Kingdom. of a meeting with local and fore-

sion, presented an outline of the proposed code, which could be later enacted as a provision in the Press and Publications Law and the statute of the JPA. Dr. Abu Nowar said the code, which commits the Jordanian information media to the principles

of honesty, good faith, accuracy and objectivity based on indivisible truth and commitment to ohtaining information through legitimate means, was in no means a fioal document. He criticised those who have

been artacking since he presented it first two weeks ago, saying the opposition to it was not hased on principles of democracy or freedom but "simply because it was presented by the minister of informacion. He said he hade made it elear

that the code, which also commits the print media to correcting inaccurate reports, editorials and commentaries upon the request of any party "harmed by their publication, or by choice with the aim of enhancing the papers' credibility and maintaining their end of this year when a new

reputation," was subject to the strategy incorporating all reac-approval of the JPA, and, by tions and feedback will be workextension, hy Jordanian journalists themselves.

JPA President Suleiman Qudah replied that "certain circles" in Jordan and ahroad were trying to create an impression that there was a crisis between the Ministry of Information and the JPA over the issue. He said dialogue was continuing between the two sides and there was no

PRINCE GETS HIS WING: His Majesty King Majesty Queen Noor, His Royal Highness Prince Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jorda-Talal Ben Mohammad, the military secretary of the

Meeting focuses on press 'code

of honour,' information strategy

nian Armed Forces, Sunday presents a paratroop-

er's course completion certificate to His Royal

Highness Prince Ali. The King decorated Prince Ali

with a paratrooper's wing. Commander of the

Special Forces also presented Prince All with a token gift. The ceremony was attended by Her

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The government

Sunday sought to introduce a controversial "code of honour"

for the Jordanian information

media but immediately met with

opposition from journalists.

Some of the opponents said Jor-

dan did not need such a docu-

ment in view of the existing Press

and Publications Law, while others said such a move should be

preceded with elaborate dialogue

Despite the setback, botb

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al

Majali and Information Minister

Ma'an Ahu Nowar affirmed the

government's keen interest in

coordinating with the Jordao

Dr. Abu Nowar, at the outset

ign journalists at Jordan Televi-

umbrella body for journalist

and consultations.

However, Mr. Qudah Indicated that the JPA resented being presented with a fait accompli. He said the JPA had no objections or reservations over any code of bonour for the media, but that the association felt that it should be consulted io advance prior to the releasing of the document in public.

"We have to formally study the proposal and review the entire concept," Dr. Qudah told the Jordan Times after the meeting. "But we cannol accept something that is being imposed oo us." Several other journalists said

that in view of the 1993 Press and Publications Law, which clearly defines the legal guidelines for journalists, in terms of gathering news and reporting as well as consequences of inaccurate reports and articles seen as libel, there was no need for a further code of honour. Others said if indeed there was

a need for such a document, then extensive discussions and coosultations between the journalists and the concerned authorities sbould precede its finalisacion and formalisation. Dr. Abu Nowar said he spent

two months preparing the "code of honour" for the press and that he had presented it to His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. the prime minister, former ministers and all ebief editors, in addition to the JPA and requested their feedback.

The strategy is valid until the

ed out for the year 1994.

King, Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff

Lieutenant-General Abdul Hafez Mirai and senior

army officers. King Hussein and Queen Noor

watched a free jump by Prince Ali and ather

Special Forces personnel (GHQ photo)

Dr. Ahu Nowar said the new strategy comes in implementation of King Hussein's direcoves, which stressed the need for a strategy defending freedom,

democracy and human rights. Dr. Majali addressed the gathering and said the media sbould respect a number of principles so that it can be effective and conviocing to friends and

enemies alike. "Free expression" is the first of these principles, he said, noting that the "written word is stronger than the sword" and therefore should be carefully selected.

Urgiog journalists and information officials to deal very carefully with their work, Dr. Majali said that the media should adopt and rely more on documentation and accurate informa-

oon. Stressing the need for the creation of a specialised ceotre for informacion aod archives, Dr. Majali said that this endeavour should be shouldered by the private as well as the public sectors. "Do not depend on the public sector and make demands on it all

the time," he said.

Dr. Majali admitted that all the 'means of deterrence and oppression will not do" in the face of the inflow of hostile media reports from outside through all modern teebnological means. especially TV transmission through satellite. He said that only through strengthening the means of education and media could this cultural invasion be cheeked. Although the prime minister thought that ordinary people can always tell good from had and he urged journalists to be

credible and seek the truth.

One of the other principles which ought to be respected, be said, is perfection and creativity in the media and information

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## Ex-premier, 4 others killed in Algiers

ALGIERS (Agencies) -- Former Prime Minister Kasdi Merbah who once beaded the all-powerful polirical police, was assassinated in an ambush that also killed four others, incloding his son and brother, security officials said

Sunday. Mr. Merbah and his entourage were attacked with automatic pistol fire hy a baod of five men while driving in two cars in Alger-Plage, a coastal resort east of the capital, the officials said. Mr. Merbah has a vacation residence in the area, which is 20 kilometres

from Algiers.
Mr. Merhah's son, hrother. body guard and chauffeur also killed. The five attackers were escaped.

There was no immediate elaim of responsibility for the killings, which come amid a guerrilla-style battle by Islamie extremists trying. to topple the military-backed leaders of the country.

Builet shells recovered at the scene were marked with the initials "IMI," standing for Israel Military Industries, security officials said without elaborating. Israel Military Industries is a cluster of Israeli state-owned factories producing military equipment.

The officials said the wenpons used were likely Israeli-made Uzis or Czech-made Scorpions. The attack, in which four other people also died, took place in front of a college of the road leading to the centre of Algiers in Three of the attackers fired

from in front of the Honda in which Mr. Merbah was. Two others leapt out from be-

bind the cars to spray bullets into the second vehicle, a Renault 25, which was following some 100 metres behind. The Renault was fired upon as it tried to do a U-turn to escape the attack. Mr. Merbah, 55, is the second

government figure killed in the daily violence that has sapped this troubled country since Muslim fundamentalists lost their bid to take over parliament when elections they were winning were halted by the army in January 1992. A five-man team was installed to run the country.

Mohammad Boudiaf, first president of the ruling High State Council, was assassinated June 29, 1992, but it remains unclear whether Islamie extremists were behind the killing.

Armed extremists were hlamed

for attacks on three government ministers at the start of the year. Former Defence Minister Khaled Nezzar, a member of the ruling council, barely escaped a Fehru-ary ambush. Employment Minister Tahar Hamdi was wounded in another attack and Equipments Minister Sifi Mokdad was unharmed in an attack.

Armed extremists have been hlamed for the killings of a halfdozen noted intellectuals, among more than 1,200 who have died in the violence.

Mr. Merbah headed the gov-

ernment from 1988 to 1989, just after the October 1988 riots that pressed Algeria into a multi-party system. He was fired by then-President Chadli Benjedid for not instituting political reforms with greater speed.

A colonel, Mr. Merbah was head of military security, known as the poliocal police, from 1963 to 1980. The feared security branch was phased out by Mr. Benjedid.

Most recently, he was president of a small nationalist party. the Algerian Movement for Justice and Development. As much feared as respected, Mr. Merbah was once a high profile figure in the National Liberation Front, which bad ruled Algeria for three decades. He took part in negotiations with France for Algeria's independence in 1962.

The killings came hours after authorities named a new prime minister on Saturday, Redha Malek, who had served as foreign minister, to replace Belaid Abdul Salam. A new government is to be named in a week. The change is seen as the pre-

lude to a new three-pronged strategy to pull Algeria out of its erisis, hardening the line against the war on extremists, while providing new political and economic Sacked by Mr. Bendjedid, Mr.

Merbah at first refused to step down, calling his dismissal unconstitutional. In October 1990, he added to FLN rifts by resigning from its central committee.

A month later, he tormed his own political party in the emergng multi-party state.

Mr. Merhah had been a guerrilla leader in Algeria's independence. Kasdi Merbah was his nom de guerre, his real name being Abdullah Khalef.

## Iraq says it will resist attacks by U.S. planes BAGHDAD (R) - The ruling

Baath Party newspaper said Sunday Iraq would resist any further air strike by U.S. planes patrolling "no-fly" zones in the north and south of the country.

"The Itaqis' hullets, defending their life and sovereignty ... will not succumb to an arrogant power (U.S.) ... now using a number of planes in a stupid manner," the newspaper Al Thawra said in a front-page editorial. U.S. planes bombed an anti-

aircraft battery in northern Iraq on Thursday. The strike came after patrolling aircraft observed a missile launeh from a surfaceto-air hattery, the Pentagon said. Iraq denied firing first, but for

the first time in seven months said t opened up on the attackers and chased them off.

Al Thawra said Irag's return of fire "disturbed the colonial political mind of America which is delaying its confession of weakness to confront Iraq.

Iraqi statements also struck a harsher note after relatively mild comments on previous incidents, describing the raid as "a vicious aggression." Al Thawra said the U.S. admi-

its aggressive planes dropping flares and cluster bombs were mer by fierce Iraqi fire." "Notbing proves the impotence of the U.S. administration more than the will of Iraq ... and its

determination to confront American riotousness," Al Thawra American, British and French planes patrol Iraq to enforce "nofly" zones decreed by the West

after the 1991 Gulf war to protect

dissident Shiftes in the south and rebel Kurds in the north. But Al Thawra said the Western-protected, Kurdish enclave in the north "is wearing out and about to collapse."

Iraçis defuse American cluster bombs, page 2

#### 'Trend' among Islamists is to take part in elections nistration "was terrified because

By Rana Sabbagh

AMMAN — Jordan's powerful Muslim fundamentalist front will decide on Thursday whether to take part in the first multi-party general election since 1956, an official said.

"The dangers of taking part in

the election and of boyconing it are equal," an official of the Islamic Action Front (IAF) party told Reuters Sunday.

"But barring any last moment surprises, the dominating trend in the front now is to take part in the vote instead of risking its exclusion from the country's political life."

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## PLO selling real estate to raise cash

By Suleiman Al Khalidi Reuter

AMMAN - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is selling off some of its prime real estate to raise some of the \$125 milition it needs to cover unpaid salaries, pensions and welfare be-- nefits.

Some Palestinian fighters, in trac for example, have not been paid for the past seven months. Abbas Zaki, a member of the Central Committee of the mainstream PLO movement Fateh, fold Reuters Sunday the organisation had already sold an office in Washington and planned to sell land, several embassies and other investments.

There is a drive to sell and liquidate the revolution's assets and property to restore the balance and cover the deficit. We have to deal with this sudden and chaotic situation which affects all the fighters," he added.

The PLO, once one of the

world's richest liberation movements, has been hard hit financially by the loss of income from Gulf states angered by Palestinian sympathy for Iraq during the crisis over the Iraqi invasion of

Kuwait in 1990. It used to have an annual budget of \$240 million, \$85 million of which was a grant from Saudi Arabia.

The PLO's financial position bas continued to deteriorate and in June it had to suspend salaries for nearly 30 per cent of its 15,000 employees, PLO officials say. Mahmoud Darwish resigned

from the PLO Executive Com-

mittee last week partly in protest at the way it manages its finances. Palestinians say those bardest hit are about 4,500 PLO fighters evacuated from Lebanon after the Israeli invasion in 1982 and relocated in camps in Libya. Sudan Yemen and Algeria.

Mr. Zaki said guerrillas based in Iraq had not received salaries for seven months and those in Libya for four months.

He said the PLO, which used to send \$30 million a month to Palestinian families in the occupied territories before the Gulf crisis, was now paying them less than \$7 million.

Mr. Zaki said the salary bill for the guerrilla army, now sus-pended, was around \$9 million a month and some \$30 million in unpaid salaries had accumulated over the last few months.

He said an Amman-based PLO charity in charge of aiding relatives of imprisoned and killed Palestinians and PLO members had also severed payments since April, accumulating \$96 million in unpaid entitlements.

Fifty angry former PLO guer-rillas staged a sit-in in front of the Palestinian embassy in Amman on Saturday to protest against the suspension of their salaries.

There have been similar protests recently in Yemen and in the Libyan capital Tripoli, PLO offi-

Mr. Zaki said the PLO and Fatch were responding to the crisis by reviewing their internal bureaucracies - a key point of criticism by opponents of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"We are now fundamentally reviewing our administrative and organisational structure in all arenas including expenses of our diplomatic representation abroad, expenses of our institutions and everything that is re-lated to our financial affairs."

Mr. Zaki said a committee set up after a stormy Fateb meeting in June would also belp overhaul financial policies.

He said the Arab states, in cutting aid to the PLO, were deliberately trying to marginalise

"They want to cut our size to be sbamefully small and this is what we will not accept," be said. To counter this, we are tighten-

#### ing expenses and adopting extreme austerity measures."

DUBAI (Agencies) — The bead of Saudi Arabia's newlyappointed national assembly has said that it would work to fulfil King Fahd's expectations. public for women.

Kuwait agrees to pause

in major arms deals

The king named 60 men on Friday night to the new Sbura (consultative) council, which for the first time will enable Saudis from outside the ruling royal family to bave a voice in the conduct of the oil-rich country government.

Diplomats in the region said the appointment of the council, while falling far short of Western concepts of democracy, was a good first step in a gradual modernisation process in Saudi Ara-

The council's leader, former Justice Minister Sheikh Mobammad Ben Ibrahim Ben Jubeir. said its members included specialists in military, health, business, history and cultural fields and were headed by experts in Sharia (Islamic law).

"I hope that we will always meet King Fahd's expectations." he said in remarks carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

Saudi Arabia, home to Islam's two most holy shrines, is gov-

large weapons purchases after de-

ruties charged with scrutinising

state spending said they needed

"From a practical point of view

the Ministry of Defence cannot

stop spending on what was already bought." Defence Minis-

ter Sheikh Aii Sabah Al Salem Al

... used for major weapons purch-

He asked the opposition-

· . · dominated house to complete the

· · · further discussions it sought as a

The assembly voted to reject a

recommendation from its finan-

cial and economic comminee to

lion) for extraordinary military

committee for more study and

deputies demanded the govern-

ment halt new weapons spending

be committed not to sign any new

- deals... until the assembly gives

its opinion (about the decree)."

Ahmad Al Saadoun said.

Speaker and opposition veteran

mittee probing maners related to

the 1990-91 Gulf crisis is investi-

Another parliamentary com-

It returned the measure to the

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Sabah said.

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executes convicted murderers, rapists and drug smngglers and enforces the Islamic dress code in

Western diplomats in the kingdom said the men appointed to the council, which will not hold public sessions, represented a mix of Saudi society and had been well received by ordinary

Members include the undersecretaries of the ministries of labour and trade, Ahmad Ben' Hamad Al Yihyia and Tawfiq Ibrahim Tawfiq respectively, businessman Suliman Abdul Rahman Al Solh, antiquities professor Abdul Rahman Al Tayib Al Ansari and Fahd Al Urabi Al Harthi, a former Frencheducated editor-in-chief,

"They are a group which weil represents the different sectors of the Saudi Society," one diplomat

The council will meet in ordinary session at least once every two weeks and Jubeir said it would convene for the first time 'after some administrative mat-

ters are completed." The formation of the council.

erned by strict Sharia laws. It which will have a four-year term, was one of the political reforms promised by the government in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf

> Diplomats said the deployment of bundreds of thousands of American and other non-Muslim soldiers in the conservative kingdom during the Gulf crisis ended Saudi Arabia's sense of isolation and accelerated a political reform

> Senior members of the royal family bave traditionally controlled the country's vast oil wealth, its buge foreign assets and its political and military affairs.

None of the members of the new assembly was apparently a direct descendant of King Fahd's father, the late King Abdul Aziz wbo created Saudi Arabia in "You could call it defusing

power as part of their new reforms," one diplomat said. The king's decree limited the terms of Saudi cabinets to four

years and said that the term of current serving ministers would end in two years unless the monarch ordered an extension.

Diplomats welcome Saudi council appointment have a four-year term and should meet at least once every two

> The term of the conneil of ministers does not exceed four years," the decree said.
> "The term of a minister does

not exceed four years and his term ends at the end of this period unless a decree by the king extends it (the term)."

Diplomats in the region said the new measures seemed aimed at stopping ministers becoming too powerful in a country where ministers are known to serve for

very long terms. King Fahd's decree said cabinet members were not allowed to "buy or rent directly or indirectly any government property and are not allowed to sell or let their properties to the government and cannot practice any commercial or financial activities or be board members of any company.

The decrees said no government department had authority over the council while members "are not allowed to take any papers, systems or documents related to the council's work ont-It said the Shura council would side the council."

## Aideed wants Carter as Somalia mediator

WWAIT (R) — The Kuwaiti gating allegations that a Defence government agreed Saturday to Ministry official illegally made pages before making further tens of million of dollars from has said he would welcome arms nurchases Kuwait made to mediation in the Somali conflict rebuild its armed forces after the by former U.S. President Jimmy 1991 Gulf war. Carter. The allegations were aired

peace.

ment said.

day,"

Gen. Aideed, whose SNA

forces control much of southern

Somalia, has been declared a

wanted man by the United Nations. It has put a \$25,000 price on Gen. Aideed's head, blaming

him for attacks on peacekeeping

troops, particularly the killing of

24 Pakistani soldiers June 5. The "crisis" between Somalis

the statement said.

again in a stormy debate on defence expenditure on Saturday. Sheikh Ali, who is not personally implicated in the affair, has consistently denied corruption on the part of his ministry.

Mr. Saadoun told the house: "But on new things it is possi-ble (not to spend)." he told a To refuse the decree law is the least we can do." Ismail Shatti, head of the fiparliamentary debate on spending under a special allocation

nance and economic committee. said: "In the committee we are convinced the sum is justified. but they are spending it in the wrong way. What we should be concerned about is bow to deal with military spending.

Mr. Saadoun read out to parliament what he said was a May 27, 1993 letter to Sheikh Ali from Major General Ghazi Abdul Razzak, a deputy chief of staff of the armed forces.

Mr. Saadoun quoted the letter as saying: "My ability to fight corruption in the Defence Ministry and the armed forces will be weakened to a large extent as a result of the manner in which your excellency formed the armed forces and also because of your denial of the presence of the corruplion in spite of the evidence I submitted."

The 1992 decree set aside the funds for weapons and training to overhaul armed forces battered by Iraq's 1990 invasion

LONDON (AFP) - Somali war- can Unity (OAU), the Arab lord Mohammad Farah Aideed League and the European Community (EC) in the search for a solution to the conflict.

Earlier-Saturday the SNA accused the United Nations of The statement from General abandoning its humanitarian role and backing American interests Aideed's office, broadcast on the pro-Aideed Radio Mogadishu in Somalia. Saturday, said the Somali Nation-"It is common knowledge that al Alliance (SNA) had heard that

the American-dominated United Mr. Carter had volunteered to act Nations Operation Somalia (UN-OSOM II) has totally deviated as mediator to help bring about from its supposed humanitarian "We welcome such a move by and peacekeeping mission, and has instead taken sides in the civil (former) President Jimmy Carter, while believing that the only soluwar by giving special treatment to certain groups, while unduly tion is through dialogue and accusing others of non-existent misdeeds." the SNA said in a peaceful talks on the situation prevailing in Somalia," the statestatement.

The SNA said it was surprised at UNOSOM's appeal for additional troops from the international community for Somalia at a time when, it said, the world was 'calling for a peaceful end to the Somali problem."

On Wednesday, U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali called for some 3,000 additional troops and the U.N. peacekeeping force, UNOSOM II. which began to beef up the U.N. peacekeeping force in Somalia in order to dis-June 5, was "deepening day by arm the warring clans in the

The 27-country peacekeeping "We urge, encourage and offiforce has 20,000 troops present cially appeal to the (former) presand plans are already underway to bring the force up to 28,000. ident to involve himself and spare The SNA statement came as the United Nations closed Moga-

his precious time as soon as it is The statement also urged Mr. dishu airport to civilian traffic for Carter to involve other bodies, a week from Saturday as part of such as the Organisation of Afri- moves to pacify the country.

# Rebels strike again at Turkish tourism

ANKARA (Agencies) - Kur- tic immunity of its ambassador blow at Turkey's lucrative tourist industry by kidnapping another batch of Westerners in the troubled southeast.

The rebel Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), which is fighting for an independent Kurdisb state. abducted an Italian and three Swiss tonrists Saturday, bringing the total to 27 since 1991.

The Pro-PKK news agency Kurd-Ha first reported that the four new tourists bad been kidnapped and the Swiss Foreign ministry confirmed that three Swiss, Giuseppe Rezzenico, Nico Panta and his wife Anna, were missing with Italian Angelo Pale-

But police in Dogubeyazit, where the four were said to bave been abducted, say botels bave no records of the tourists and that no one bad come across them.

In June and July the PKK bombed popular tourist spots in western Turkey, killing a Turk and injuring 46 people, including at least 18 foreign tonrists.

The PKK demands that foreigners ask its permission before travelling in the wild and mountainous southeast and says tonrism indirectly finances the Turkish military.

After the latest kidnapping a PKK official said that by travelling in the area the tourists had 'contributed to the dirty war of the Turkish state.'

The kidnapping could also eompound Turkey's problems with Switzerland, which bas demanded Turkey lift the diploma-

dish rebels have struck another over the killing of a Kurdish protester outside its embassy in Berne on June 24.

Turkey bas said it will reject the demand. The Kurd, Semsettin Kurt, was

shot dead while taking part in a demonstration by PKK militants. The Turkish ambassador to Berne, Kaya Toperi, returning to Turkey on Friday to discuss the situation, said Switzerland had acted negligently during the de-monstration and Turkey would not take a meek attitude towards the Swiss demand.

The PKK has threatened to strike at tourism and bas often taken foreigners hostage to win publicity.

#### 18 soldiers killed

Eighteen Turkisb soldiers were killed in the country's eastern region, the Anatolia news agency reported Sunday. Kurdish guerrillas attacked a

military post on the Iranian border in the eastern Igdir province with rocket launchers late Saturday, killing 14 soldiers and two lieutenants, the dispatch said.

Two other soldiers were killed when their vehicle bit a mine planted by the Kurdish guerrillas while they were heading to the military post after hearing the attack, Anatolia added.

Igdir Governor Erdogan Izgi told Anatolia that the Kurdish separatists, sneaking into Turkey from Iran, staged the attack with the members of the same Kurdish guerrilla group based at the foot of neighbouring Mount Ararat.

## Hekmatyar seeks Saudi aid after getting Iranian pledge

JEDDAH (Agencies) — Afghanistan's Prime Minister Gulbudion for the problems gripping din Hekmatyar, seeking belp to Muslims in Bosnia, Kasbmir, has held talks with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd.
"The talks focused mainly on

day meeting.

Red Sea city of Jeddah after a of peace, four-day visit to Iran. Mr. H

oil and gas. Afgbanistan's Muslim gov-

ernment came to power last year ater overthrowing a communist government that bad been backed by the former Soviet Union, Iran and Saudi Arabia are among the leading supporters of

Afghanistan's government. Iran on Saturday offered to help Kabul tap its oil and gas reserves and belp build roads and medical clinics.

The two countries also said in a joint statement they would cooperate in bealth matters and fight drug trafficking. Mr. Hekmatyar, accompanied

by a political and economic delegation, told reporters before leaving for Saudi Arabia that the two countries had discussed cooperation on a wide range of issues. He said be bad informed Iran

of his country's "problems" and bad asked it to "play a more effective role" in the reconstruction of Afghanistan. "The aim of my trips to Iran and Pakistan was to assure our

friends in the region that war has ended in Afghanistan and it is .wish of all groups there to have a dnrable peace," Mr. Hekmatyar Mr. Hekmatyar, whose visit to

Iran was the first as head of government, held talks with Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Vice-President

At Friday's prayer sermon, Mr. Rafsanjani and Mr. Hek-

rebuild his war-ravaged country, Azerbaijan, Tajikstan and Somalia, but vowed to seek unity in the Islamic World.

"The situation in Afghanistan assisstance to reconstruct Afgha- will soon stablise and Iran can nistan," Sheir Alam, Afghanis- count on a powerful Islamic state tan's ambassador-desginate to on its side," Mr. Hekmatyar said, Saudi Arabia, said of the Satur- adding that the "evil and warseeking forces" in bis country Mr. Hekmatyar, arrived in the were being quelled in the interest

Mr. Hekmatvar's trip bere In Iran, Mr. Hekmatyar met comes amid increasing signs tht with president Hashemi Rafsan- Iran is ready to get more actively jani and won promises of support involved in bringing political stato rebuild roads and explore for bility to Afghanistan and assist the country in its reconstruction programmes.

Mr. Rafsanjani said last week that relations between the two countries - had "entered a new phase," and the Iranian Foreign Ministry described Mr. Hekmaty ar's visit as "very important."

The biggest sign of Iran's determination to press for political unity in Afghanistan was the presence of members of the Iranian backed Afghan Shiite group, Hezb-e-Wahdat, at the airport to greet Mr. Hekmatyar on bis arrival Wednesday.

Earlier this year, Wahdat allied itself with Mr. Hekmatyar in its war against the forces of the former Afghan Defence Minister Ahmad Sbah Masoud, but the two groups have been at odds on many occasions.

On the economic front, Tehran and Kabul agreed to study the establishment of a jointcommission to speed up cooperation and Iran could get involved in the exploration of oil and gas in northern Afghanistan.

It was also announced that Iran has agreed to extend a 50-million credit for war reconstruction in Afghanistan.

Tehran and Kabul have also agreed to set up an anti-narcotic committee to expedite their campaign against drug trafficking in the region. Iran could belo Afghanistan convert poppy fields into those for other crops.

FOR THE TRAVELLER

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Iraqis defuse U.S. ciuster bombs

BAGHDAD (AFP) — Iraqi bomb disposal experts have defused eleven unexploded cluster bombs dropped by U.S. planes in an air-raid Thursday, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported Saturday. Civil aviation forces have been searching since Thursday for unexploded bombs dropped on agricultural land near the surface-to-air missile base targetted in the raid, INA said. An unnamed Iraqi army lieutenant said on television here Thursday that "40 cluster bombs have been found in an area near the site attacked by Americans." The Pentagon said U.S. warplanes attacked a surface-to-air missile base in northern Iraq Thursday after a missile was fired at its planes from the base in the "no-fly zone. Baghdad bas denied any missiles were fired at U.S. planes.

#### Kuwaiti to die for raping 10-year-old

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - A Kuwaiti man was sentenced to death by a court bere Saturday for kidnapping and raping a 10-year-old Egyptian girl, court officials said. His three accomplices, all minors, were given 10-year jail sentences. Mohammad Al Rashidi and the three minors were found guilty of kidnapping, imprisoning and raping Racha Abdel, whom they beld captive under armed guard in a building in the suburbs of Kuwait City from July 11 to July 15. They were also accused of trying to kidnap and rape another girl, who managed to escape. Mr. Rasbidi was also found guilty of threatening to kill bis sister-in-law after she told police he had tried to rape her. The presiding judge, Mohammad Al Matiri, said after the verdict was announced that be favoured a change in the penal code so stiffer penalties could be passed against minors. Matar Shlaiweeb and Fayez Asal, both 17, were sentenced to 10 years for rape, kidnapping, robbery, arms possession, drug use and resisting arrest. Hani Asal, 16, was sentenced to five years for kidnapping and being an accessory to the rape and five years for robbery, the sentences to run consecutively.

#### Four Arab prisoners escape Tel Aviv prison

TEL AVIV (AP) - An Arab prisoner at the Tel Aviv district prison overpowered a guard, took bis weapon, released three other prisoners and escaped Saturday night, authorities said. Police launched a large-scale manhunt and believed the four, including two Israeli Arabs from Jaffa and two Arabs from East Jerusalem, may have commandeered an Israeli car, said pobce spokesman Tamar Paul-Cohen. The prisoners were being held before trial on suspicion of criminal, not security charges, she said.

#### Peres to visit Denmark Tuesday

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres will visit Denmark on Tuesday at the end of his official visit to Scandinavia, officials said. During the one day visit here, Mr. Peres will hold talks with bis Danisb counterpart Niels Helveg Petersen, a foreign ministry statement said, Mr. Peres has already visited Sweden and Norway and was due to leave Iceland Sunday for a two-day stay in Finland. Denmark will be the final leg of Mr. Peres' visit to Nordie countries.

#### Sacked cook gets \$136,000 from airport

ABU DHABI (AFP) - An Indian cook sacked from his job in Abu Dhabi's International Airport thought lady luck bad turned against him - until be bought a ticket in the airport raffle on his way borne and won \$136,000. Roque Pereira bought a ticket in the raffle from the duty free shop before boarding a flight to India last month. The result was announced in United Arab Emriates newspapers on Saturday: Mr. Pereira bad won it all. "He was due to return to Abu Dhabi to work at the Forte Grand Hotel." Mr. Pereira's colleague, Jerry Fernandes, was quoted as saying by the semi-official daily Emirates News. "He has had a tough time and some bad luck losing his former job, but now I think he will be very happy."

#### Epidemic hits Sudanese refugee camps

KAMPALA (AFP) - More than 20 people have died of meningitis and measles since an outbreak was reported at Sudanese refugee transit camps in northern Uganda, the official New Vision newspaper reported bere Saturday. The paper said most of those affected by last week's outbreak were refugee children living in two transit camps, six kilometres from Koboko town, in squalid conditions. "Refugee families are crammed in poorly built grassthatched buts, while others are sleeping under trees. Tents have been given to some but many have not yet received them," the paper said. By Thursday over 30,000 refugees living in the two camps had neither toilet facilities nor enough clean water, with the British charity Oxfam said to be still surveying possible water sources for the displaced Sudanese.

#### Iragis fire over heads of Kuwaiti workers

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) — A group of Iraqis fired gunshots over the heads of workers for a Kuwaiti company digging a treach along the new Kuwait-Iraqi border, the Interior Ministry said Sunday The ministry said Kuwaiti security forces fired back, although it had not yet been established whether the Iraqis were soldiers or civilians. The shots were apparently fired into the air and designed to "provoke" the Kuwaitis, rather than kill them, the ministry said, Kuwait started digging the trench last June, and announced it would also build a sand wall on its new border with Iraq to stop Iragi infiltration.

#### Former minister killed in Sudan fighting

KHARTOUM (R) - The civilian chairman of a major state owned company has been killed in south Sudan's civil war. apparently fighting as a volunteer alongside government troops. News of Mohammad Ahmad Omar's death was the first acknowledgement in Khartoum that fighting has restarted in the south in spite of a five-month-old ceasefire agreement. Official media gave no details but the government newspaper Al Ingaz Al Watani hailed Mr. Omar as "mujahid" - a holy warrior - and said be set "an example of a faithful Muslim." Mr. Omar was chairman of the board of Sudan's Gum Arabic Company, which controls trade in an important export commodity. Previously minister of industry, he was the highest-ranking Sudanese official killed in the war. Government officials from Khartoum commonly go to the south for periods of service with the Popular Defence Forces aiding the regular army.

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# Queen Noor celebrates birthday

Queen Noor celebrates ber 42nd birthday today (Mon-

For the past 15 years, Queen Noor has actively promoted socio-economie and human development io Jordan. On the international level, she has endeavoured to promote understanding of Jordanian society and culture, acting as a bridge between Jordan and the rest of the world.

On the national level, Queen Noor works in partnership with various organisaoons and individuals on development projects. In addition, the Queen initiates, directs and sponsors projects and activities through the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), which seeks to address the needs of individuals and communities and to enhance their standard of living.

The NHF acts as an umbrella organisation for projects designed as development models in the areas of education, cul-ture, children's health, family and community development, women, environmental protecoon and the arts.

Through income-generating schemes in micro-enterprise projects, agriculture and crafts, the foundation encourages increased economie selfsufficiency as well as grassroots participation in planning and decision-making.

During the past year, Queen Noor addressed Jordan's increasing social and economic pressures in light of the Gulf crisis. Accelerating human development and economic growth through tailored projects have been a priority for the Oueen.

In recognition of her humanitarian work in support of women and children in Jordan. Queen Noor was presented the Save the Children Distingutshed Service Award in Washington D.C. last May.

In the field of education, the Queen launched the Jubilee School project, which is de-

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

AMMAN (Petra) - Under the patronage of Her Maiesty Queen

Noor, an international nursing conference will open at the University of Jordan on Sept. 13. The conference, which will be

held under the motto "hridging the gap between theoreocal work and practice," is organised by the university's Facutly of Nursing.

Rapporteur of the conference's preparatory committee Sawsan Al

Majali said the participants to the two-day conference will discuss

35 working papers on theoretical and practical issues in nursing.

The conference will include a seminar on women's issues in

Jordan, Dr. Majali said. She added that the working papers at the

conference will be presented by nursing specialists and experts

from Arah and European countries, as well as the Untied States. .

AMMAN (Petra) — The Board of Directors of the Professional Therapy College Sunday held a meeting under the chairmanship of Her Highness Princess Majda Ra'ad, the chairman of the

college's board. The board stressed the need for identifying

professional therapy, and defining its role in psychological

rehabilitation. They also reviewed the college's activities. The meeting was attended by Health Minister Abdul Rahim Malhas

and Minister of Social Development Mohammad Al Sqour. The

college was established in 1988 as one of the projects of the

General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS). It offers students

three years of training, after which they are awarded diplomas in

AMMAN (Petra) - Monday August 30, marking the anniversary

of the birthday of the Prophet Mohammad, will be observed as a

public holiday, according to an announcement by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Sunday. The announcement said that all

government departments and public institutions will remain closed on that day. It requested that all ministries and institutions organise celebrations marking this holy event.

Radio, T.V. programmes to be aired at schools

AMMAN (J.T.) — With the start of the 1993-94 scholastic year, the Ministry of Education is preparing radio and television educational programmes for school students. A ministry

announcement Sunday said the programmes will be aired begin-

ning the first week of September. A ometable for the educational

broadcasts was sent to the education departments in the various governorates, so that the school can adjust their schedules

accordingly, enabling the students to benefit from the program-

mes, said the announcement. At least 1.35 million students

Saturday returned to school following the summer holidays.

About 52,000 teachers are employed in the public and private

schools, said the ministry, noting that the increase in the numehr

of school students this year is between four and five per cent.

professional therapy.

Public hollday Aug. 30

Therapy college board reviews role

Nursing conference to open Sept. 13



signed to provide opportunities for students with outstanding academie records through extensive research and training programmes. The school has received technical assistance and support from the United Nanons Educational, Scientifie and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the British Council, as well as from private institu-

tions in Jordan and abroad. The Jubilee School project has been a personal commitment of the Queen since she was entrusted with the project in 1985.

Outen Noor's efforts extended beyond the boundaries of Jordan, as she actively pursued her role to strengthen and enhance Jordan's international relations. During several working trips to the United States and Europe, the Queen addressed various international institutions, highlighting Jordan's importance as a political, humanitarian and socio-economic model in the Middle

In the international arena. Queen Noor focused on furthering human rights, regional development and cooperation, and comprehensive peace. In her effurts to promote tourism into Jordan, she participated in the International Tourism Exchange in Berlin last March.

Oueen Noor holds a degree in architecture and urhan planning from Princeton Universi-

She has received hunorary doctorates from many universities as well as international awards for her achievements in prumoting human development and global understand-

The Oueen is also patrun of several national and international organisations.

## Heat wave to stay on for 4 more days

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The present heat wave is expected to continue for at least the next four days, with daytime temperatures ranging between 34 and 36 centigrade, according to the Department of Meteorology.

A department official told the lordan Times that although in some areas of Jordan the recent weather is slightly hotter than the annual average, generally this is normal summer weather for Jor-

The heat wave is caused by dry hot wind from the Indian sub-continent, Iran and Iraq, noted the official.

Because of the current heatvave and reported eases of eholera in neighbouring Arab countries, the Ministry of Health is taking strict precautionary me-

asures to protect the public. Health Minister Abdul Rahim Malhas Sunday said that nut a single cholera case exist in Jordan, but the ministry is taking extra measures to prevent the disease from entering the coun-

Ministry teams are conducting large-scale inspections of water trucks to ensure that the water is free of any germs, said the minister in a statement to Al Ra'i Arabie daily.

Nuting that eleanliness plays a major role in stemning the spread of the disease, Dr. Malhas said that the ministry has worked out a strict timetable for controlling hakeries, confectionery shops and other food stores to ensure they are abiding by bealth safety regulations.

Referring to typhoid, the minister said that the disease exists, but not a single case bas been reported for the past five weeks in Jordan.

## Majali urges building railway system

should have its own railway system and such an endeavour should be implemented in cooperation with the private sector, said Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Sunday.

"We want to have railways and we will give priority to building them to link Jordanian cities, said Dr. Majali during a visit to the Ministry of Transport where he met with Minister Salman Al Tarawneh and senior staff.

A preliminary study should first be made and then offered to the private sector firms to conduct a feasibility study before this project can be implemented, added the prime minister.

Nonng that road accidents in Jordan are costing the country some JD 100 million annually, Dr. Majali said the Ministry of Transport should opt for inereased public transportation mainly benefiting the limited-

income groups.

He said Jordan should reduce its reliance on private cars as

much as possible.
The only railway in Jordan is the Hijaz line built during the Ottoman rule to link Damascus

with the holy cities of the Hijaz. Part of the railway today links Amman with Damascus, another links Amman with Maan and a third links the phosphate mines in the south with Aqaba.

Dr. Majali also suggested that large road vehicle weights should he controlled and maritime transPrime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Sunday reviews ideas to apgrade Jordan's public transport should be attended to.

We plan to work hand in hand with the private sector to establish a special institution that would organise the employment of Jordanian workforce ahroad," he noted, adding that such an institution can protect workers' interests and rights.

In discussing the work of the transport ministry, the prime minister said: "We are not rulers but rather servants of the public

portation system at a meeting with officials .t Ministry of Transport (Petra pootn) and each ministry is a servant to the public and not a means for imposing authority on the public. This is our concept of public

concept. As the government directs its plans towards enhancing the concept of decentralisation, the Ministry of Transport and other ministries should be flexible,

services and each ministry should

dedicate its task to fulfil this

departments in the provinces a conduct dialogues with concern departments to overcome prelems and obstacles, urged I At the outset of the meetir

Mr. Tarawneh reviewed t ministry's activities and those its affiliated departments a transfer part of the authority to

their plans for the 1993-97 peric Discussion also covered the volvement of the private sector the transport field.

## Jordan Press Foundation to double capital

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Jordan Press Foundation Company, which publishes the Jordan Times and its sister Arabic daily Al Ra'i, is doubling its JD 1 million capital through a floatation of shares to finance an ambitious expansion program-

A general assembly meeting of the stockholders of the company is expected to decide today the modality of the capital boost, which will be channelled to repaying a JD 3.5 million loan the foundation has raised from a consortium of local banks and a semi-government The loan financed the purch-

ase of a new printing machine and related equipment which were necessary to cope with the "increasing demands on Al advertisement," said Mohammad Al Amad, directorgeneral of the foundation.

Mr. Amad said the new machine, "which will take Al Ra'i to the edge of the 21st century," can print up to 64 full pages in one go. The pre-sent Al Ra'i machine could print only 32 pages, which explains the current 16-22 page 'supplement' that accompanies the paper every week day.

Al Ra'i is Jurdan's most favourite advertisement medium because it is the largest selling newspaper (100,000 copies) and this accounts for the bulk of the foundation's revenues. The company also operates a commercial printing press.

The foundation bas nearly 350 people on its regular payroll.

In addition to the new printing machine, the company is also ordering new equipment which will automate the packing and bundling of newspapers, a ome-consuming job if done manually. The foundation, which was established in the early seven-

des, registered a gross turnov-

er of JD 5.5 million and a net

profit of JD 1.5 million in

1992. It distributed a 22 per cent dividend on stock, a rate which placed it in the top brackets of public limited companies in Jordan. The JD 1 par-value share of the company is being traded at around JD 20 in the Amman

Financial Market (AFM) up from around JD 4 in 1990. The government-guided Social Security Corporation (SSC) and Jordan Investments the shares; five to 10 per cent are in the AFM, employees

own five per cent and the rest



is held by the founders of the Unlike the Jordan Press and Publishing Company, owners of Al Dustour, the second

largest newspaper in the King-dom, the Jordan Press Foundation shares were not fully returned to their former owners when the government relinquished editorial control over all daily newspapers after a 17-month tal.:over in 1989.

Mr. Amad told the Jordan Times yesterday that under the formula for hoosting capital under consideration, a JD 900,000 special reserve will be inverted into half a million shares and the present stockholders will be given half; share for every full share tha they own now. Another half a million shares will be floated at the JD 1 par value plus a premiun to he fixed by the Ministry o Industry and Trade on the basis of the worth of the com

shares of the foundation. The share floatation is ex pected to raise up to JD : million, which will take care o the loans that the foundation owes to the consortium ant financing the construction of : new huilding which is already under way.

pany, profitability and the market value of the presen

"The sharebolders will be the ultimate beneficiaries o the plan since we will be able to repay the bank loans and eliminate interest," said Mr Amad.

The four banks in the con sortium are the Arab Bank the Cairo-Amman Bank, the Business Bank and the Am man Bank for Investments The fifth partner in the group

is the SSC. Monday's meeting will de eide whether to limit the floatation of the half a milliot shares to present shareholder. of the board members and

shareholders are known to favour limiting it.

## Jordan to help Sudan develop water resources

AMMAN (Petra) - A visiting delegation from the Sudanese ministry of irrigation and water resources has expressed interest in benefiting from Jordan's experiments and experiences in de-

veloping water resources. Speaking at a meeting here Sunday with Minister of Water and Irrigation Bassam Kakisb, the head of the visiting delegation, Izzedin Ahmad Yousef, said Jordan has made major strides in the development of water re-

sources and Sudan would like to

benefit from them. "The Sudanese ministry of irrigation and water resources is keen on launching joint ventures with Jordan in water-related fields and wishes to embark on cooperation in training of personnel," added Mr. Yousef.

Mr. Kakish expressed Jordan's readiness to provide expertise to Sudan and assist in carrying out its related projects.

The ministry of water and irrigation welcomes the idea of

to despatch Jordanian specialists to Sudan to help it carry out irrigation and water projects," noted the minister. Mr. Kakish extended an invita-

oon to his Sudanese counterpart to visit Jordan to discuss all aspects of bilateral cooperation.

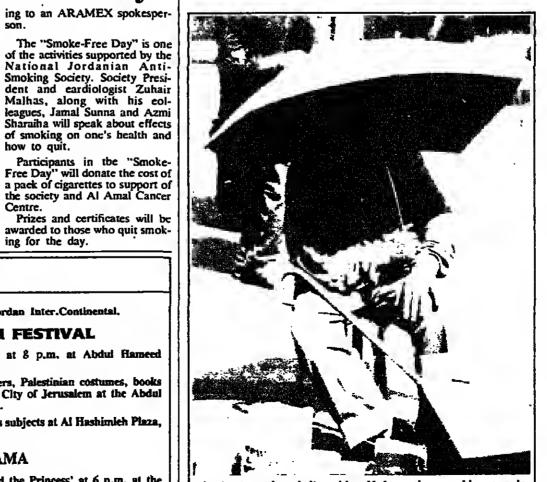
He told the delegation, which Sunday concluded a five-day visit

and new fumiture.

"In view of its meagre was resources, Jordan has made sigficant achievements in managi and operating water projects a protecting water resources," sa the minister.

country requesting it.

The Sudanese official brief the minister on the outcome his tour of various projects to Jordan and a tour of water projects, that the Kingdom was endeavours in this field.



street vendor shelters himself from the scorching sun in downtown Amman (Staff photo by Aynsley Floyd)

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

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#### **EXHIBITIONS**

- ☆ Exhibition of oil paintings by Iraqi artists Nashaat and Shawkat Al Alousi at Alia Art Gallery; includes 30 paintings depicting popular life and national scenery in Iraq, as well as Arabic calligraphy.
- Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian artist Bishara Najjar at Eshbelia Art Gallery, Amra Shopping Centre. The paintings depict Jordanian-Palestinian heritage, Jordanian antiquities, Arab Jerusalem, rural life and natural scenery.
- # Exhibition of a new collection of art works by Princess Wijdan

Ali at The Gailery, Hotel Jordan Inter.Continental.

A sign over an ARAMEX International Courier office in Amma-

plan 'Smoke-Free Day'

2 international firms

ARAMEX and Marriott em-

ployees will Tuesday put out their cigarettes for one day as part of a

special 'Smoke-Free Day"

celebration, which will eulminate

in a presentation by the National

Jordanian Anti-Smoking Society

at the Amman Marrioti Hotel at

ARAMEX International Courier, which specialises in ex-

press delivery of documents and

cargo worldwide, recently de-

elared their Jordan offices smoke-

free In recognition of smoking's dangerous health effects to smok-

ers and non-smokers. This new

"Smoke-Free" policy will soon be implemented in ARAMEX

offices around the glob, accord-

ounces the company's participation in a 'Smoke-Free Day' drive

ing to an ARAMEX spokesperson.

of the activities supported by the

National Jordanian Anti-

Smoking Society. Society President and eardiologist Zuhair

Malhas, along with his eol-leagues, Jamal Sunna and Azmi

Sharaiha will speak about effects

of smoking on one's health and

Participants in the "Smoke-

a pack of cigarettes to support of

the society and Al Amal Cancer

awarded to those who quit smok-

Prizes and certificates will be

how to quit.

ing for the day.

#### JERUSALEM FESTIVAL

- Tradition embroidery show at 8 p.m. at Abdul Hameed
- Exhibition of paintings, posters, Palestinian costumes, books and other liens on the Holy City of Jerusalem at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation
- ★ Exhibition of books on various subjects at Al Hashimieh Plaza, downtown Amman.

#### DRAMA

☆ Drama entitled "Samira and the Princess" at 6 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

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## Noxious fumes, impassible authorities

TUCH TALK, many articles and a series of television rogrammes have been devoted to environmental oncerns in the country, but very little action has been aken to solve what could be a big problem nearing risis. Take the latest revelation that pollution of our tmosphere, produced as a result of illicit car emisions, has reached dangerous proportions. There are tore than 400,000 vehicles in the country, 80 per cent i which are polluting the air that we breathe in the apital alone. Everybody seems to pass the buck when comes to addressing the problem, mainly by refusing ) accept responsibility for it. The petroleum refinery uthorities obviously feel blameless and not responsile for the black smoke that spews from automobiles for the poisonous gases that are emitted from the ambustion engines of cars. The refinery either puts the lame on lack of maintenance or car engines or on regularities practised by gasoline station managers in rder to make a fast buck. While these defensive ibmissions are valid to a cartain extent, they fail to eplain the entire crisis. The heavy contents of sulphur ed lead in Jordanian gasoline is the sole responsibility the refinery. Jordanian drivers have no choice here to fill up their tanks.

At a time when other nations, even less affluent than arselves have already outlawed the use of leaded isoline. Jordan has yet to recognise the problem sociated with sulphur and lead, as if the lives of ordanians are less relevant than material profits. In ider and more sophisticated economic terms, the cost continued use of health damaging fuels obviously ceeds any immediate gains that could be realised by e use of adulterated fuel energy sources. This is not absolve other authorities or quarters in the country om responsibility. The police is simply not doing rything about the problem. Name us one occasi hen traffic police stopped a car because it was beavily Muting the air.

The concerned government departments also appear be derelict when it comes to their duties. We should ald them accountable for not carrying out random tecks on gasoline depots or not engaging the refinery mpany in serious dialogue about improving the nality of Jordanian fuel. Still, all Jordanians assume so responsibility for destroying the ecology of their untry and the health of our citizens by not heeding e basic knowledge and warnings about pollution. The government should take this crisis seriously. It in start by creating a multi-dimensional ad hoc annittee at the highest level possible, with a view to ibmitting the right proposals for stopping the slide.

nce we know what should be done, action should How on all fronts.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

SEEMS that Israel bas not yet learnt the lessons of the past and still intent on launching aggression on Lebanon, not beeding the aliatory attacks launched on its forces by the resistance groups, id Al Dustour Arabic daily. The paper said that if Israel ntinues to behave in the same manner, it would risk losing more its troops and if it does not stop launching acts aggression on e Lebanese territory, it risks causing further tension in the role region, endangering the peace talks, said the paper. atements coming from the Israeli leaders nowadays indicate at the Israeli military is now preparing yet another large scale ilitary campaign against the resistance forces in southern banon and if another attack comes, there can be no doubt out its negative effects on the peace process, said the daily. ael realises that its continued aggression on Lebanon can by no eans stem the resistance activity; therefore, its continued islaught on this Arab country can solve nothing, noted the daily. said that with the fall of nine soldiers in one single resistance ow directed at the Israeli military, the Israeli leades and the mmanders of the Israeli forces have been thrown into confuon. Further embarrassment is expected, should the Israelis irsue their acts of aggression, warned the daily. It called on ose countries keen on preserving peace to try to bridle Israel's abitions so that the peace process can proceed unhindered and sure peace in the region.

AWT AL SHAAB daily drew artention to the fact that the S.-led Western campaign against the Muslims is continuing labated and echoed His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's Il on the Arabs and Muslims to join forces and work together to infront the common challenges. Unless this nation looks after its vn affairs, other nations of the world will be shaping its destiny, ainst its own interests, warned the paper. Prince Hassan has lled on Muslims and Arabs to unify their ranks in the face of the spect campaign directed against their faith, said the paper. He so urged the Arabs and Muslims to contribute to the creation of e so-called new world order and not to leave their national terests to sther nations to tamper with, added the daily. The story and t : cultural heritage of the Arab and Islamic nations e rich and (a) be invoked to benefit the Arabs and Muslims in infronting the common challenges of the day, the paper added. he paper elived the Prince's call for mobilising scientific. iltural and color potentials at the disposal of the Arabs and uslims for the sake of protecting the interests of the coming

## Weekly Political Pulse

By Waleed Sadi

# The twain shall never meet

Israel is on record as against yielding East Jerusalem. It has become an article of faith for all Israeli governments, be they headed by the Labour or by the Likud parties, that Jerusalem is indivisible for all times, come what may. The Arab side bas taken this solemn proclamation rather too seriously, judging by the panic that such a declared Israeli stance causes among the Arab ranks, especially, of course, the Palestinians who stand to gain or lose most on the issue of the Holy City.

I personally have a hunch that Israel is still prepared to make concessions on East Jerusalem. This subjective intuition is reinforced every time I have an occasion to visit East Jerusalem and notice the dire neglect it suffers under the same Israeli municipality that governs West Jerusalem. East and West Jerusalem are still two different worlds in every sense of the word. For all intents and purposes, the twain shall never meet. There is no way that the cultural and religious gaps, not to mention other differences that separate Jews and Arabs in the city, can be bridged, as far as one can see. East Jerusalem is clearly a Middle Eastern town and West Jerusalem is obviously a western metropolis.

What is even more striking about the pious pronouncements that Jerusalem is united for good is the lack of evidence that the Israeli authorities are interested in the least to elevate conditions in Arab Jerusalem to anything that is compatible with Jewish Jerusalem. Take for example the simplest examples, the streets and types of construction, when allowed, that exist in the eastern

Recently I went to visit Bab Al Zahira cemetery which is almost in the beart of Jerusalem. The condition of the cemetery was disgraceful to any authority that pretends to exercise jurisdiction over it. "Money could not be the reason that sank this famous cemetery to the level it is in now. Cleaning the filth and dirt from it would not have cost more than a few hundred dinars. The Israeli municipality obviously does not give a hoot about the Islamic burial place and the Islamic Waqf people care even less. If the way such an East Jerusalem place is maintained is an example of the Waqf diligence or a reflection of the Israeli purported total urisdiction over Jerusalem, then East Jerusalem, its shrines and public places stand to suffer even more in the future. The streets of East Jerusalem, especially those that connect with the

Jerusalem - Jericho road, are so neglected in contrast with the ones in West Jerusalem, that it is obvious that there is a determined Israeli policy to distinguish the eastero section of the city from the western one. And whereas West Jerusalem is generally clean and orderly, the same cannot be said about the

I have personally concluded, therefore, that Israel has no intention to remain permanently in Arab Jerusalem. The blatant neglect of every facet of life on the Arab side, coupled with the lack of a policy to integrate the two parts, has convinced me that there is a silent policy reflecting the deep Israeli thinking that in the final analysis they would have to give us East Jerusalem even though its envirous, for strategic reasons, will obviously continue to be held by Israel.

If one uses this criterion for judging Israeli intentions, as far as other occupied territories, it becomes easy to determine which part Israel will be prepared to withdraw from, within the framework of a peace treaty, and which part it is not going to relinquisb. Areas, towns and cines left to their miseries and underdevelopment will be returned. Areas, towns and cities that bave been accorded a privileged treatment will not be easy to return. East Jerusalem belongs to the former category. So its

return to an Arab jurisdiction is a prognosis that I personally believe in. Future events will, hopefully, prove me right.

Drawing further on this analogy, Jericho and Gaza Strip are prime examples of purposeful Israeli neglect as a prelude to their return to Arab sovereignty. No wonder, then that the Rabin return to Arab sovereignty. ment is more than accommodating to the idea of a precipitious Israeli withdrawal from such territories even before there exists a binding peace treaty between the parties. The same can be said about such cities and towns as Nablus. Jenin, Ramallah, Bethlebern and Hebron. Yet the environs of these Palestinian areas are thoroughly and systematically settled with an Israeli presence and they are not likely to withdraw from them. The new network of highways that links Israel proper with these environs, as distinguished from the conceded Arab cities and towns, reinforces the proposition that Israeli forces are not prepared to

vacate these de facto annexed territories. This is how I see the map of the future unless a miracle or two

## Recession, Balkan war cast pall over Europe

By Arthur Allen The Associated Press

BONN, Germany -- Peace, freedom and prosperity, the bywords of European union, ring less clearly now. The banner of gold stars on a blue field, heralding tolerance and wealth, is ragged at

There is war in the Balkans and recession at home. Governments throughout western Europe greet refugees with "no vacancy" signs.

Plans for a single currency and a common foreign policy are in limbo. European leaders could not stop the dismemberment of Bosnia or keep speculators from derailing plans for a joint currency-exchange system.

Twenty-two million Europeans are out of work. Economists describe the unemployment as structural. meaning they don' know what to do about it.

In the search for scapegoats. foreigners are increasingly under attack in Greece, Germany and Britain. Crime is on the rise nearly everywhere.

Hans Magnus Enzenburger. the German essayist, sees Bosnia as only the largest of many civil wars being fought by emptybeaded bandits in Europe. He points to Solingen, where five Turks were burned to death May

29 by young fanatics.
"We're fooling ourselves if we think we have peace just because we can cling to our scrap of bread without getting shot down by a sniper." Mr. Enzenburger wrote in Der Spiegel magazine in June. "Civil war doesn't come from outside, like a virus. It's an endogenous process. It's only that our civil wars haven't reached critical mass."

The last time that happened in Europe was after World War I. and the continent soon found itself at total war again. Need the process repeat itself?

Democracy is much stronger than it was in the 1920s," said Dominique Moisy, deputy director of the French Institute of International Relations. "But nothing is irreversible."

In Germany, the only Euro-

ISRAELI SOLDIERS have kil-

led 232 Palestinian children aged

under 17 since the start of the

intifada in December 1987;

according to the Israeli human

"Thirty eight of them were

rights organisation Betselem.

killed during the last six months,"

said the group, in a statement issued at a Jerusalem press con-

ference. "This is more than dou-

ble the number of children killed

in the entire previous year and of

a magnitude unprecedented since

Betselem continued: "With 232

children dead in five and a half

years, the absence of deliberate

intent does not detract from or

mitigate the gravity of the guill

borne by the security forces. The

principal reason for the killing of

children in such large numbers is

a deliberate policy of opening fire

in situations in which soldiers are

The human rights group said

that the army's own statements

showed that soldiers' lives were

not endangered in at least 32 of

not in mortal danger."

the intifada began."



pean land that was divided between West and East, integrating the two has thrown the entire continent into turmoil.

The \$90 billion Germany spends each year to subsidise the integration has kept interest rates high everywhere else, frustrating economic recovery. Endless meetings in Brussels have produced no solution.

There is a loss of faith in Europe," Mr. Moisy said. "People don't believe in these ideals any more. The feeling is that each country is giving priority to its Own needs.

One need felt by most Europeans is to secure their borders against immigrants. Over 1 million foreigners have entered westem Europe the past two years.

Germany, which spent \$3.6 billion last year caring for 438,000 asylum applicants, slammed the door with a law passed May 28. France followed in July, and Interior Minister Charles Pasqua announced a goal of "zero immigration."

Despite the new German laws. more people keep trying to get in. About 45,000 illegal immigrants were apprehended in 1992, but 43,000 were detained in just the

the 38 incidents in which children

were killed in the past six months.

Betselem documented recent

cases in which soldiers killed a

14-year-old boy who was fleeing

from a clash in a village; a 4-year-

old boy who was in a car that

turned away from a roadblock

and an 18-month-old boy who

was sheltering with his father

The United States-based hu-

man rights organisation Middle

East Watch has meanwhile issued

a 187-page report accusing Israel

of giving undercover units in the

security forces "a licence to kill"

in the occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip. "The fact that under-

cover units effect many arrests or

that they sometimes face mortal

danger cannot excuse their resort

to murder in other cases," says

It continues: "The unjustified

killings for which they are re-

sponsible are not aberrations, but

rather constitute a pattern that

could only continue with the com-

plicity of the Israeli govern-

inside a shop.

the report.

Betselem condemns child killings

are missed.

Labour Ministry officials found illegal Romanian construction workers who were being locked up on the site every night, indicating some employers exploit the illegals.

Concero about illegal aliens can lead to violence. About 500 crimes against foreigners were reported in Germany in 1991, more than 2,000 last year, and figures for 1993 are running higher. Race-related crimes also have increased in Britain.

Most violence against foreigners is committed spontaneousby embittered youths rather than by organised neo-Nazi

"In earlier times, young workbelief that their monotonous and hard work would bring them up the social ladder," said a study published by Trier University sociologists. "Today, the machinist"s apprenticularly to the social ladder to the social ladder, and the social ladder to the social ladder. ist's apprentice knows he'll never be bank director."

Prospects are particularly grim in Eastero Germany, where fewer than one-tenth of the 4 million workers remain on the job at crumbling plants put in trust by first half of this year. For every one caught, police estimate five in 1990.

The report, entitled "A Li-cence to Kill," says that over 120

Palestinians have been killed by

Israeli undercover squads since

the start of the intifada. Of these.

nearly half were killed since Janu-

ary 1992 and over 30 since Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin took

office in July last year. Contrary to the impression of

the units that the Israeli govern-ment seeks to project. Middle East Watch said that only a

minority of the squads' victims

were "wanted" fugitives sus-

pected of being armed and dangerous. Most of those killed

are suspected stone-throwers, or

masked youths, who are not

known to the units but who are

routinely shot while posing no

imminent mortal danger to sol-

posed little or no grave danger to

others, were given no opportun-

ity to surrender and could in all

probability have been captured

alive," said the report. "In at

"In many cases, the victims

diers or others.

Europe is in transition, and during transitions "people fice to the smallest unit." said playwright Heiner Mneller, whose apocalyptic staging of Tristan and Isolde is the highlight of the

Wagner Festival in Bayreuth. Sometimes they flee to nations, sometimes to ethnicity, sometimes to gangs," he said in an interview with the newspaper Frankfurter Rundschau, "Yugoslavia is a trial run for a Europewide process. Italy could be the next catastrophe, then France,

then Germany."
With the cold war enemy gone, Mr. Mueller said, "we don't have any one left to whom we can delegate-our batred.

Intellectuals bave expressed worry that the ideas of extreme nationalists and ethnic purists are

increasingly acceptable.
In a July 13 manifesto in Le Monde, 40 authors decried what they called the willingness of respectable journals to publish diatribes against Islam or arguments that the holocaust was a hoax. Among the signers were Umberto Eco, author of 'The

Name of the Rose," Mr. Moisy concluded: "Right now, we are overwhelmed by pessimism. Nothing is more

against executed their victim after

be was in de facto custody, that

is, when he was posing no threat

and had no real possibility of

escaping."
Middle East Watch is aware of

only two cases since the start of

the intifada in which the wrongful

killing of a Palestinian has led to

the court martial of a special-force soldier. The unjustified

killing of targeted Palestinians is

effectively condoned by the milit-

ary establishment ... On the basis

of our evidence of misconduct.

we conclude that it is more the

exception than the rule that spe-

cial force soldiers who kill Palesti-

of the New York-based Human

Rights Watch, urges the U.S.

government to do all it can to

dissuade the Israeli government

from deploying the undercover

hit squads, if necessary by thre-

atening to cut aid - Council For

the Advancement of Arab-British

Understanding, London.

Middle East Watch, a division

nians are punished."

# Lagos journalists to strike to protest government efforts to suppress them

By Michelle Faul The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria - The boy darted among the cars gridlocked on a highway, peddling photo-copies of a banned magazine with a bold headline: "Babangida entrenches his dictatorship.

Both buyers and seller were risking arrest, but business was booming. This nation is as bungry for information as Gen. Ibrahim Babangida is intent on suppressing it. Ever since be derrailed Niger-

ia's move towards democracy, the ruler bas turned up the beat on a historically rambunctious industry that has tweaked and needled rulers since the 1850s, when the first Nigerian newspaper antagonised British colonisers.

With Gen. Babangida now jailing journalists, closing papers and issuing restrictive new laws with abandon, one of Africa's oldest news industries is struggling for survival.

On Thursday, journalists in the capital called a one-day strike for Tuesday to protest government efforts to suppress the media. More than 1,000 reporters and editors in the Lagos chapter of the Nigerian Union of Journalists said they would take part.

Some papers have been forced into self-censorship. Others have been forced underground, where respected newspeople bave become guerrilla journalists, cranking out copy a step ahead of the

"Operating like fugitives on the run is an extremely challeoging task," Nosa Igiebor, editor of the banned Tell Magazine, wrote in a column Monday explaining why the weekly was raising its

Gen. Babangida never besitated to close newspapers or jail journalists during his eight years in power. But his decision to void the June 12 presidential election that was to return the nation to democracy has led to full-scale war on the media.

The crackdown culminated on July 22 with the closing of 16 publications, including the Concord chain owned by Tycoon Moshood K.O. Abiola, the apparent winner of the nullified June ballot.

Security gnards arrested dozens of people, carted off equipment and files and posted guards at the doors. Hundreds of thousands of newspapers and magazines have been confiscated.

Newspaper vendors also bave been raided, and two were charged in court last week for selling another banned magazine,

On Monday, Gen. Babangida tightened the screws with a decree ordering publications to pay licensing fees of \$16,000. He also ordered 10-year jail sentences for reporters found guilty of pub-

ishing "false reports." But he has not been able to

squelch demand.
"You get Tell and it's sold out the same day. You sell them just as fast as you can hand out change," said one seller, who identified himself only as Akpan.

Banned publications bave taken on a certain cachet. Tell bas a cover price of the equivalent of \$1.13 but frequently sells for more. By the time vendors run out, demand bas peaked to the point that photocopies go for They were his last words.



Ibrahim Babangida

twice the cover price. Those prices are steep for a nation in which the average monthly salary is the equivalent of \$27 a month.

At Ogba-ljaiye bus terminal, Akpan was even charging 13 cents for a 15-minnte perusal of the Lagos Guardian.

Ralph Akinfeleye, professor of mass communications at the University of Lagos, told a meeting of the 8,000-member Nigerian union of journalists last week that they have to fight for democracy if they want their industry to

Gen. Babangida was once heralded as a saviour of the press when he ousted the previous military ruler in 1985. Now, with his jailing journalists, closing papers and using restrictive new laws with abandon, some papers have been forced into selfcensorship. Others have been forced underground.

The news industry is by no means totally pure. It is common for journalists, like many other people, to take bribes. When Mr. after the elections, Nigerian jour-

nalists were given \$18. Ironically, Gen. Babangida was once heralded as a saviour of the press when he ousted the previous military ruler in 1985.

The general quickly repealed a decree that made it a crime to "embarrass" a public official in print and freed several jailed ournalists.

Nigerian journalists say the boneymoon ended on Oct. 19. 1986, the day Dele Giwa, editor of the crusading magazine News-watch, was killed by a bomb.

The Constitutional Rights Project, a human rights group, says military intelligence chief Col. Halilu Akilu bad called Giwa's wife asking for directions to the

editor's home. The next day, Giwa's son took delivery of a parcel marked "from the office of the C-in-C," sbortband for commander in chief, Babangida.

Giwa opened the parcel while be ate breakfast and said, "this must be from the president."

#### **LETTERS**

## Hope for better representation

The article by Mariam Shahin "16 political parties oppose one-person, one-vote 'on its own'," (Jordan Times, Aug. 17, 1992) included our party, the Unionist Arab Democratic (Al Wa'ad),

amongst the parties rejecting the amendment to the Election Law.

Therefore, we would like to correct your information which was not obtained or declared by our party. We in Al Wa'ad Party, have not yet taken a final stand on all controversial issues related to suggested amendments to the Election Law. But we do tend to favour and agree with the one-man, one-vote formula, even if it came on its own, as a step forward, hoping it will eventually be followed by two integral elements, namely the introduction of smaller districts equal to the number of MPs and a runoff that, we believe, would ensure a better representation of the electorate.

> Mahmoud Abdallat, Spokesman. Unionist Arab Democratic Party,

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of unused





# Bottle caps spawn nightmare for Pepsi-Cola

By Rubes Alabastro Reuter

NILA - A soft drink sales ipaign supposed to turn a few ty Filipinos into peso millaires has turned into a nightre that won't go away for U.S. nt Pepsi-Cola.

unteen months after laun-a promotional numbers ne. Pepsi has spent about 300 lion pesos (\$11 million) to rd off thousands of claims from inning" consumers and repair shartered image in this im-verished Southeast Asian na-

the promotion offered up to million pesos (\$37,000) in free casb prizes to holders of the tops marked with threeir winning numbers. Pepsi's htmare began on May 25 last ar when it announced a million-so-prize for any one holding a bearing the number 349. The company realised the im-insity of its mistake when ousands of jubilant people ned claiming they had wen. a million people eventually imed their prize. But Pepsi used to pay, saying the wrong mber had been announced beuse of a computer error. Trinidad Castro, a 56-year-old

food vendor, was watching television in a neighbour's house when the number was announced.

For oearly two decades, she had lived in a wooden push cart which her out-of-work husband turned into a shack by slapping a tin roof over it and parking it in a mudd? Manila sidewalk.

Mrs. Castro ducked back into her pash carr and brought out a saekful of Pepsi crowns, peering

into the number on each cap. Number 349 gleamed like diamonds on two of the more than 500 crowns she had collected. Mrs. Castro was suddenly looking ar two million pesos and a new - or so she thought.

"I kept jumping and jumping until my blood pressure rose. At last, we could have a house of our own and I could huy my husband a jeepney (passenger mini-bus) he had always wanted," she recalled.

Similar scenes of jubilation were taking place that evening in thousands of homes around the

"I drank six bottles of Pepsi every day. That's how I got fat like this," said Encar San Miguet, 31, who also had two one-millionpeso crowns in her possession. The first thing Mrs. San Miguel thought of was building a small

would make a good business out

of it, he was a inbless emhalmer. Pepsi's refusal to pay up spawned fury throughout the country. In the months that folkwed, people rioted outside Pepst plants, bombing and torching more than 30 Pepsi delivery

Homes of some Pepsi executives blossomed with armed guards and routes to work were frequently, changed.

."For a time, we were eating death threats for breakfast," Pep-si Marketing Director Rosemarie Vera said.

In the worst incident, a grenade tossed at a Pepsi truck rolled down into a store and

killed a woman and a ehild. Some 349 cap holders filed more than 7,000 cases against Pepsi for fraud. State prosecutors have dismissed about 6,800 of them but huodreds more are still

Pepsi's sales plummeted, and its share of the market fell from 26 per cent to 17.

To ealm the storm, Pepsi offered to pay every 349 cap holder 500 pesos (\$18.50) each as a "gestore of goodwill." So far, it has redeemed 480,000 caps at a total cost of 240 million pesos

Ms. Vera said Pepsi's sales had

recovered and its market share had returned to 21 per cent. We had to woo the consumers again and make them see we didn't intend to defraud anyone,

she said. "We're still here and

we're here to stay definitely."

Mrs. Castro's bopes for a house of her own and Mrs. San Miguel's dream of a funeral parlour for her husband have not dimmed.

Mrs. Castro's million-peso crowns are in a small lin can which she keeps beside her when she sleeps. The caps are wrapped in wads of corton so that cockrouches and rats cannot scrarch

"Our only hope is that God does not sleep," said Lucila Men-doza, 59, who keeps her 349 cap under lock and key. She said she had no intention of trading it for the 500-peso consolation prize Pepsi had offered.

"]'l] keep the cap with me, maybe make a pendant out of it and hang it around my neck for as long as f live," Ms. Mendoza

"Later on I can say it's a remembrance of that day long ago when, for once, I thought i

## 500 days later, Sarajevans still cope under siege

physical sustenance.

apartment stairs, walks 10 mi-

her beets, carrots, corn, squash

garden, then f put it out and

when I've finished the second half of

By Mand Beelman

The Associated Press SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - It was just another day for

Amira Knezevic. She climbed 480 stairs, walked to the river to get water for her garden, picked some tomatoes, yanked a few weeds, carried 30 litres of water up 15 flights of stairs, and stoked her wood stove a second time. It wasn't even

She harely had time to notice it was the 500th day of siege in Sarajevo.

and cabbage.
"When I water the garden, I The 48-year-old married usually bring one cigarette." she said. "I smoke half of the woman is just one of nearly 400,000 remaining residents of the Bosnian eapital, surrounded cigarerte in the first half of the by Serb forces since April 6, 1992, who have fallen into a the garden, I smoke the rest of strange son of rounne of coping with the near-impossible. With shelling and shooting ebbing over the last two weeks. Sarajevo is rhe cigarerte, and my outside

less like a war zone than a ghetto. The day begins for Mira, as she is known, around 7 a.m. when she makes her first foray from her high-rise apartment to the war garden on the other side of the Miljaeka River,

Along the way, she passes a corner where a girl was killed by sniper fire a few days ago.

is she scared? Her reply is as matter-of-fact as the woman herself — a furrowed brow and a shake of the head. Bosnia's Health Ministry says 9,284 people in Sarajevo have been killed or reported missing over the last 500 days. Another 54,398 people, about 10 per eem of Sarajevo's prewar population.

have been wounded. Mira's garden is like Sarajevo itself. Five small plots of ground, donated by friends with bigger gardens, are patehworked among those of Serb, Muslim and 'mixed" neighbours who share horticultural tips.

Before the war, Mira worked in an office and lived an upper middle-class life. She never gardened, save for the flowers she

planted at her now-ransacked because several people have died beach house in Neum, Bosnia's in shelling on Zuc, scrounging for dot on the Adriatic Sea. Now, gardening is her mental and

After the morning garden routine, Mira and her 25-year-old Twice a day she descends her daughter, Dijana, wait for over an hour in the building's bank basement to collect water, which nutes to the plots on the other side of the river, climbs over a they then carry up 15 flights of barricade and crawls down to the stairs. That's on good days, when there's at least running water to Miljaeka's edge to collect water building basements on the westin two plastic jugs. Then she gingerly walks the perimeters of others' gardens until she reaches ern edge of town. Otherwise, they walk to the nearest water collection point, more than a kilometre away.

Then it's on to lunch, the main meal On the day AP talked ro her, Mira whipped up an stalian fish stew, using one can of mack-erel from aid rations, vegetables from her garden, herbs from friends, rice and macaroni. The only missing ingredient was the white wine, she said with a smile.

work is done for that part of the The only luxury Mira allows Once a week, Mira dons her herself is occasional reflection on red backpack and grabs a con-verted children's stroller for the her summer home in Neum. where family and friends would sit on the balcony under a settissun and eat prosciutto and d-nk 90-minure hike to Zue, a hill north of town, to collect firewood. She hasn't gone this week

She even sees some good that's come out of the siege — her newfound love of gardening and losing 20 kilos. The new Mira,

with chin-length bobbed hair, bright hazel eyes and tanned skin, looks norhing like the pietures of old Mira at the beach. Mira, a Muslim, and her husband Bozo, a Serh, have plenty of

band Bozo, a Serh, have plenty of pictures around the apartment of their 15-year-old son, Sasa, who was sent to live with relatified in Serhia at the start of 1% war. They have not talked profit war. Before the day is out. Mira makes one mor pilgrimage to her garden, krowing that having one makes be among Sarajevo's fortunate.

fortunate.

By da-s end, she has made ar least 1-ee trips up her stairs, 720

Ater 500 days, she's tired, but urvilling to give up. "I can't. I ould only sit here and cry, and f'm not the crying type," she said.
"Nights are the worst part of the day," she admits. Mira used ro love to read in bed, but she can'r afford the candles anymore.

## Polar bear casts doubt on Ice Age theories

By Doug Mellgren The Associated Press

5LO. Norway — A polar bear undied about 60,000 years ago.

Arctic eave is challenging theories about the fee rn theories about the fee ge because it seems to have ed in the wrong place, at the ong time.

Bones from the bear, discored in Norway's Arctic, are

race.

likely the oldest ever found, said zoologist Roly Lie.

But scientists now wonder what the polar bear and other animals were doing in northern Norway when the area was supposed to be scaled under an icecap that would

have made such life impossible. The most remarkable thing is that there were animals living there at all 60,000 years ago. That would mean that the area wasn't under an icecap as we believed," Mr Lie of the University of Bergen, said by telephone this

Mr. Lie said geologists believe Norway was encised in ice during the last glacial epoch, beginning about MI(DD) years ago and en-ding about 10,000 years ago, Finds like the polar bear bones

accidentally unearthed by two construction workers in 1991 at Tysfjord - about 200 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle -- cast doubt on that view.

Dating techniques this spring confirmed that the bear's temains are at least 42,000 - and likely 60,000 - years old. In any case, the hear lived in northern Norway in the depth of the ice age. and is older than any polar bear Mr. Lie said he could find reported in world scientific litera-

He and other scientists probing the chalk-filled Tysfjord grotto and nearby sites have found a bounty of clues about the Ice Age, including the bones of two other polar bears that were about 20,000 years old, a 32,000-yearold wolf jaw as well as seals, mice, ams and pollen.

"We have a lot of work left." said Mr. Lie. "But the abundance of animal and plant life suggests that north Norway was relatively warm for most or all of the lee Age. It could not have been continuously covered with ice as was believed," he said.

reindeer," said Mr. Lie. Reindeer, in turn, must be able to graze on bare ground, "The suntmers must have been relatively warm and the winters not exeessively cold, maybe like the north-ern coast of Greenland today," said Mr. Lie.

A team lead by Mr. Lie and geologist Stein-Erik Lauritzen is excavating the sites, partly to see if humans also lived in the area earlier than believed. Scientists now believe the first humans settled in Norway about 12,000 years ago as the ice receded.

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The bank's participation re-

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ing Bank Islam Malaysia BHD,

"Hopefully, aspirations to bring

slamic banking into the main-

Malaysia's only Islamic bank.

said in a statement.

# **Stock markets** across Asia zoom to record highs

HONG KONG (AFP) - Stock . 1980.06 points on April 27. markets across Asia are soaring to all-time highs owing to iomproved corporate earnings, econonic optimism, and in some cases. clearing of murky political

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Hon Kong's hlue-chip Hang Seng inde has surged 40 per cent since the beaming of the year to a record high of 7,605.26 points on Thursday. F. fourth straight all-time high finn.
Analysts attribute market's

stellar performance to strong half-year corporate pi fits and anticipation of Sino-ritish agreement on financing to the British colony's new airpon However analysts warn that he

Hang Seng cannot climb forever The market needs a correction," John gate, analysts at Cresvale Far East Ltd., said, adding a pullback was not imminent as U.S. institutions continued to pour money into the colony's

Philippine stocks, which have posted the higgest percentage gains in Asia so far this year, shot to record highs earlier this

On Aug. 3, the composite in-dex at the larger Manila stock exchange hit 1,783.30 points and the Makati stock exchange 1,829.13 points, a rise of 42 per cent on each of the exchanges since the start of the year.

"If the timing is right, you can make 10 to 20 per cent in a week in this market," Edgardo Guevarra, head of Intra-Invest Securities, said, adding the hull run was surprising since the Phi-lippine economy has been slug-

Brokers say stocks have climbed largely on the back of a rush of foreign hnying, falling interest rates and rising gold prices. în India, a no-confidence mo-

tion against Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao was defeated in late July, spurring a stocks recovery also aided by signs of an economic turnaround.

The 30-share Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) index has climbed 38.6 per cant from a low so far this year of

The BSE crashed from an all-time high of 4,546.58 points on April 2, 1992 after investigators closed in on a \$1.3 billion securities scam in which some bankers and brokers colluded to siphon off public funds to play stocks.

The recent recovery follows a promising agricultural output, a dramatic 27 per cent surge in first quarter exports and increased foreign investment in stocks. Inflation is under control at six per

Good times have returned to the BSE," said underwriter Ajit Ambani.

In Tokyo, the Nikkei stock average index of 225 shares closed Friday at 20,607.26 points, a healthy gain of 22 per cent since the end of last year.

The Nikkei remains well be-w its record high of 38,915.87 him late 1989. Analysts say the slide which bottomed just over a year to at about 16,000 points, stemmer from a long series of financial candals and a flagging

"The Nike is expected to reach 22,500 points next month and, after corrective periods, may rise as high as 25,00 points by the end of the year," said Hiroshi Maeki, an analyst at Dai-Ichi

Securities Company Ld.

Malaysia's key stock gauge
has soared 27 per cent suce the
start of 1993. On Frday, stronger-than-expected corporate earnings propelled the Kula Lumper Stock Exchange comp. site index of 85 stocks to a record high finish of 805.51.

"In the next two months, the composite index could test the 850 mark," said Tan Teng Boo, chief executive of stocks consultancy Capital Dynamics.

Singapore's key Straits Times industrials index has jumped 29 per cent since the start of the year to a record high of 1.972.27 points Friday, its fourth all-time high in five trading days.

There is nothing holding the market back," Paul Lodge, of Melbonrne-based hrokerage Au-

## Japan surplus could destroy world economy, trade minister says

TOKYO (R) — Japan's new trade minister warned the country Sunday that it must slash its huge trade surplus or risk des-

troying the world economy.
"If Japan's trade surplus continues, it will be one factor leading to the destruction of the world economy," Hiroshi Kumagai, minister for international trade and industry, said on television. Tokyo's trade surplus with the

world increased in July for the 31st straight month. On a customs-cleared basis, it jumped to \$11.82 billion from

\$9.23 billion in July last year, the finance ministry said. The politically explosive surplus with the United States climbed to \$4.68 billion from \$3.81 hillion a year

This huge imbalance was a key factor in the recent surge of the yen against the dollar, according to market analysts.

"I think that the currency market is sending a warning that if Japan continues with the same behaviour, it will be in trouble." Mr. Kumagai said in a debate. Economic Planning Agency

(EPA) Minister Manae Kubota, also taking part in the debate, indicated that unless Japan took action to reduce its surplus the yen could rise again.
"The yen has not broken through 100 yen to the dollar and

it's a good thing that it has stabilised," Mr. Kubota said. "But unless Japan changes its behaviour, the yen will rise The yen hit a record global high of 100.40 yen to the dollar in

Tokyo trading last Tuesday until U.S. Federal Peserve intervention belped push the currency fown to 106 yen by the close of trading in New York on Thursday. It ended the week's transactions in New York at 104.50. U.S. analysts said Washington

deliberaely let the dollar fall to and a scaring yen. press Japan to spur economic growth and boost imports. After to cut the number of government Tokyo indicated it would bow to its demands, the U.S. turned around and putits support behind the dollar.

the Japanese yea could retard (numbering almost 2,000)."

growth in the Japanese and world economies," Treasury Under-Secretary Lawrence Summers said in a statement Thursday.

A leading Japanese husiness man, in an interview with the daily Mainichi Shimbun pnb-lished Sunday, said a rate of 100 yen to the dollar would "doom most of Japanese industry."

Takeshi Nagano, chairman of the influential Japan Federation of Employers' Association (Nikkeiren), said a high yen would damage not only export-oriented companies but even those firms that rely primarily on domestic demand

Trade Minister Kumagai reaffirmed that the new coalition government nnder Moribiro Hosokawa planned to draft by late September a package of fiscal and monetary measures aimed at boosting domestic demand and reducing the huge trade surplus. He said one of the monetary steps could be a reduction in the official discount rate, already at a record low 2.5 per cent.

Speaking on behalf of those who borrow money, the lending rates of banks have not necessarily come down very much yet," he said. "I think the discount rate could be lowered further.'

The trade minister said he was in favour of an income tax cut for the next fiscal year, starting April 1994, as another measure to prop up an economy in one of its worst postwar downturns.

Mr. Kumagai did not specify the extent of the income tax cut but husiness leader Nagano and at least one leader in the ruling coalition have called for reductions of five trillion yen (\$48

Mr. Kumagai said as well as stimulus measures, deregulation would help cure Japan's singgish economy, a soaring trade surplus

"The former cabinet promised regulations to below 10,000 (from the current 10,942)." he said. That's our first goal... then the Ministry of International Trade "We are concerned that the and Industry will take the lead in recent rapid rise in the value of further cutting its own regulations

## Clinton steps up sales drive for health care reform

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Massachusetts (R) — President Bill Clinton said Saturday health-care reform was essential to the Uoited States' future well-being and urged all Americans to rally behind his drive to revamp a "hroken system."

"Reforming our health-care system is not only the best way to reduce costs, rein in our federal deficit and provide security for our citizens, it's also good for our economy," he said. "If we really want to straighten out the economy and live more prosperous lives we have to reform the nation's health-care system."

Mr. Clinton, on the third day of a vacation with his family on this exclusive resort island, stepped np his sales drive for 'the reform proposals in his weekly radio speech. The proposals are to be unveiled next month.

"This is a cause in which all Americans must enlist. A cause

in which special interest must put aside a broken system and become a lohby for the American people and the American futhe president said in the ture." speech.

Mr. Clintón, who made health care reform one of the cardinal issues in his 1992 campaign for the White House, gave no details on the cost of his plan although some Republican critics claim the price could be as much as \$100

Seeking to preempt his critics Mr. Clinton declared the price of doing nothing was unacceptable.

"Doing nothing means more and more Americans losing their coverage. Doing nothing means allowing insurers to dictate prices, charging whatever they want to whomever they want. Doing nothing means continuing system in which anonymous bureaucrats peer into every hospital and doctors' offices and

second-guess medical decisions. Doing nothing means no wage increase for millions of workers,

he said. Health-care reform is one of the main initiatives awaiting Mr. Clinton when he returns from vacation later this month, along with the North American Free Trade Agreement and Vice-President Al Gore's plan to streamline government opera-

His yet-to-be unveiled reform package was put together by a task force headed by his wife

Under the present system many employers pay for part of the health insurance offered their workers and the workers pay

are being provided by 13 other local financial institutions, includ-But nearly 40 million Americans are uninsured and their health-care costs are a massive burden on the overall system.

prohibitions should be resolutely

Mr. Jiang issued a vague three

point plan, calling on ministerial and provincial leaders to stand as

"clean and honest" models and

urging a faster pace-of any in-quiries involving "leading" offi-cials and law enforcement depart-

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#### stream banking in Malaysia would be fulfilled soon," Bank Negara said. Muslims form about half the country's population of 18 miles

lion The Koran forbids usur which has been interpreted mean the payment of any interest on deposits or loans.

Uncer Malaysia's "Islamic hanking concept", depositors share if the bank's profits, and borrowers receive joint-venture equity financing and share their profits with the hank.

More foreign banks are likely to offer such services. "We have received positive re-

sponse from the other foreignbased financial institutions in Malaysia," Bank Negara adviser Nor Mohammad Yakcop was quoted by the New Sunday Times newspaper as saving. "This is a good sign as Bank

Negara has not made it man a-tory for these or Malaysian-based financial institutions to offer interest-free banking services," . Mr. Nor said an Islamic intermust sever them or quit their bank money market operation

was being developed to link financial institutions as well as players in the Islamic banking

When it is ready, Malaysia will be the first country in the world to have such an operation along Islamic lines,' he said.

## Party chief says graft threatens China's communism

ty chief Jiang Zemin said Saturday rampant corruption could topple Chinese communism and even the state itself, and ordered swift punishment for party and government bribe-takers.

\*Corruption is a virus that has infected the party's healthy body," the general secretary told an extraordinary meeting of the

party's discipline committee.

"If we just ignore this phenomenon it will bring down our party and our system," state media reported Mr. Jiang as saying. "In the course of the great socialist modernisation drive, our party, our officials and our people will absolutely oot tolerate this outcome.'

But Mr. Jiang, apparently defending against detractors who regard him as a leftist opponent of market reform, said the crackdown was not an attack on national development.

"It's not right to put anticorruption in opposition to economic construction, to the reform and opening up, or to think that anti-corruption will affect their

Turkey starts work on

privatising telephones

ISTANBUL (R) - The Turkish take up to six mooths, he added.

government has started prepara- Other steps in the process

tory work on a privatisation of would be cabinet approval to

Party discipline chief Wei Jianxing launched China's latest anti-corruption drive Friday, saying kickbacks and hribes to party and government officials were undermining economic reform and whipping up waves of popular anger.

Graft has flourished in 14 years of market experimentation, with growing numbers of government and party officials demanding illegal compensation before issuing essential permits.

State media have been gearing up for the campaign for a week, saying 30,000 corrupt officials have heen sacked this year already and detailing all manner of kickback schemes

Mr. Jiang ordered all party organs and governments to pursue the campaign as an "important political task" and demanded tangible results this year.

"The fact that our party has issued a clear call for and persisted in the anti-corruption fight is a manifestation of its strength." Mr. Jiang said. "Those who do

munications network is an impor-

tant element in Prime Minister

Tansu Ciller's plans to trim the public deficit, which is expected to hit 150 trillion lira (\$12.8 bil-

lion) this year.

Ms. Ciller has also said priva-

tisation is her main weapon

against inflation, which ran at

He demanded strong and swift measures against local officials' pervasive collection of illegal fees

that most torments ordinary citizens and has "aroused waves of complaint," He reiterated a standing but widely ignored ban on commercial involvement hy officials, saying those with business ties

the kind of petty corruption

Mr. Jiang also targeted China's feared and corruption-plagued law-enforcement system, demanding police end the widespread practice of funding operations by levying fines and confiscating

## Indonesia seeks to enlarge shipbuilding ability

JAKARTA (R) - Indonesia among 24 multi-purpose vessels capability for container and pas- for inter-island services. senger vessels, the official Antara News Agency said Saturday.

foreign trade needs and calls for to 2,000 passengers. more passenger travel.

shiphuilding company Pt Pal agreed time limits.

deadweight-tonne (DWT) ship, show.

plans to enlarge its shipbuilding being constructed in Indonesia

The Jakarta Rost Daily said Pt Pal, which had sont engineers and This is in line with increased designers to Germany for transinter-island cargo shipments in ing, was also designing ships for the world's biggest archipelago, up to 4,000 containers and 1,000

Mr. Habibie said he wanted to Research and Technology show that Indonesia could build Minister Jusuf Habibie, quoted larger and more sophisticated by Antara, said the state-run vessels at lower cost and within

would focus on vessels for up to
1,200 containers, from 185 now,
and ships for 500 passengers.

Hindonesia in 1990 had 35
ocean-going ships totalling
446,000 DWT and 227 inter-He was speaking at the comissand vessels totalling 347,000 missioning of a 3,650- DWT, latest available figures

#### Pakistan's premier vows to pursue tax evaders KARACHI (R) - Pakistan's tan's battered economy and cut-

caretaker Prime Minister Moeen Oureshi vowed Saturday to track down and punish tax evaders who have cost the government hillions

cees in lost revenue. "I am going to pick some of the big people who are not paying the hills or not paying the taxes," he said at his first news conference since announcing sweeping eco-nomic reforms Thursday night. "I am going to start legal proceedings against them. And I am going to attach (confiscate) their

property. Economists estimate the Pakistani government loses up to 100 billion rupees (\$3.3 billion) every year in unpaid taxes, duties and

Mr. Qureshi's hold reform package, aimed at reviving Pakis-

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ting its current 95-billion-rupee (\$3.2 billion) budget deficit, included promises to crack down on tax evasion, corruption and government waste.

It also announced imposition of ground-hreaking agricultural taxes on rich farmers. Officials say they have not yet

calculated how much money the new farm takes will raise - if they are paid. But they hope spending cuts

and increased revenues from other sources will whittle about seven billion rupees (\$233 million) off the hudget deficit. Mr. Qureshi said the farm taxes were tilted towards the

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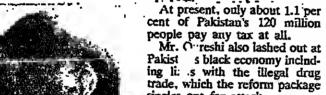
support the economy.

The government had decided wealthier segments of society, to tax the rich instead of raising particularly those he said were general taxes and printing not paying their fair share to

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of hlack money and a lot of illegal money which is kept under the carpet," he said.

Political analysts say Mr Qureshi, a former World Bank vice-president, has made a bold attempt to challenge a status quo dominated by Pakistan's rich feudal landlords and top indus-

But they say the reforms may not be implemented with such vigour hy a newly elected govern-

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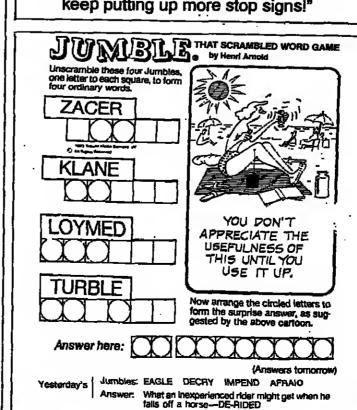
#### separate the lucrative telecomthe state-run telephone system munications busioess from PTT's which could raise up to \$25 hilsingles ont for attack. loss-making postal services and lion, Treasury Uodersecretary I recognise that there is a lot legal changes to end the PTT Osman Unsal has said. "We are now trying to deter-mine what part of PTT (the Postmonopoly in distributing teleal and Telecommunications Privatising the PTT's telecom-

Monopoly) we want to sell and what it's worth," Mr. Unsal told reporters. He said he expected the priva-tisation to fetch between \$10 billion and \$15 hillion, or up to \$25 billion if the government offered

shares internationally through a "strategic" hroker. The valuation process could



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#### Foreign Exchange Market Summary (August 16-August 20, 1993)

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AMMAN - Dollar exchange rates witnessed wide fluctuations against other major currencies during the course of last week. The dollar lost considerable ground against European currencies, but it managed to end higher against the yen. The U.S. unit, thus ended the week 2.24 per cent lower against the mark, 3.80 per cent lower against Sterling and 2.21 per cent higher

The dollar fell sharply against European currencies Monday.

Its decline appeared to be inspired by reports that several members of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) preferred adopting a wait and see policy during their meeting last July, due to improving inflation figures. In addition the dollar lost some support in view of traders' bearishness about U.S. economy, which had spread following the approval of Mt. Clinton's deficit reduction package, and on concerns over the potential impact of Mr. Clinton's Health care reforms. Meanwhile the yen, kept elimbing against the dollar, ascending to new records and closing at 101.58 yen per dollar.

The ven continued to appreciate the dollar Tuesday, ahead of Thursday's meeting of Japan's economic leaders, who were expected to discuss steps to stop the yen's rise and stimulate Japan's economy. Analysts said that the dollar dropped against the yen as a result of traders' reaction to reports that the U.S. favours a strong yen. Others indicated that the Fed's failure to intervene to support the dollar, holstered the view that the U.S. considers a strong yen as one way of reducing the mounting trade deficit with Japan. The dollar, thus eoded at 101.05, its lowest for the week. The dollar, however, moved higher against the mark, in response to a sell-off of the mark against other European currencies. The dollar ended at 1.6928 marks, its

highest for the week. On Wednesday, the dollar fell sharply against European currencies, especially Sterling. Analysts attributed Sterling's rise to increased speculation that the Bank of England would not ease in the near future after British year-to-year retail prices were reported to have increased by 1.4 per cent in July from 1.2 per cent in June. Sterling thus ended at \$1.5175, its bighest for

The dollar rebounded sharply against the yen Thursday, as the Fed surprised market participants by its repeated intervention, selling yen against dollars. Analysts suspected that the Japanese and U.S. governments had made a deal that calls for Japan to stimulate economic growth and possibly reduce the trade surplus by opening the Japanese market to more U.S. goods, in exchange for U.S. help to support the dollar. In addition comments from the U.S. treasury secretary, expressing concern about the rapid rise of the yen, caught market participants by surprise as it showed a reversal in the previous U.S. policy concerning a strong yen. The dollar, thus ended at 105.79 yen, its highest for the week.

The dollar retreated against the yen Friday on profittaking. In the meantime, comments by Bundesbank Vice President Hans Tiermeyer failed to support the dollar. Mr. Tiermeyer was quoted as saying that a major appreciation of the mark is undesirable in light of its adverse impact on German exporters. On the other hand, hopes for further German rate cuts were diminished following the release of higher-than-expected German M3 figures showing a growth of 7.5 per cent in July from seven per cent in June.

New York Closing Rates for Major Currencies Against the

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Hentsche Mark	1.7125	1.6748	2.245
Swiss Franc	1.5245	1.4670	5.925
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## **UAE** reports sharp rise in capital outflow in 1992

ABU DHAB! (AFP) --- Capital of payments.
outflow from the United Arab
Emirates (UAE) time sharply in Emirates (UAE) rose sharply in 1992, creating a deficit in its balance of payments for the first time in its history, an official report said Saturday.

Funds transferred out of the oil-rich Gulf state stood at 10.39 billion dirhams (\$2.83 billion) in 1992 compared with only 420 million dirhams (\$114.4 million) in 1991, the central bank report

Despite a steep decline in fore-ign aid and other contributions, the balance of payment suffered from a deficit of 690, million dirhams (\$180s million) compared with a surplus of 5.18 billion dirhams (\$1.41 billion) in 1991, the report said.

It is the first time that the UAE has suffered from such a deficit. It is a major aid donor and a consumer market, but buge oil exports have helped maintain a surplus in both trade and balance

the country and they exceeded the surplus in current account in 1992, creating a deficit in the balance of payments," the central bank said without giving a reason for the increase in capital trans-Another negative factor in the balance of payment was a large increase in imports, which hit a record 64 billion dirhams (\$17.4 billion) in 1992 compared with 51.1 billion dirhams (\$13.9 bil-Oil exports fell to 51.6 billion dirhams (\$14 billion) from 52.7

billion dirhams (\$14.3 billion) but non-oil exports and reexports rose to 30 billion dirhams (\$8.17 foreign currency. billion) from 24 billion dirhams

(\$6.53 billion). The report said the trade balance maintained a surplus but it was down to 21 billion dirhams (\$5.7 billion) in 1992 from 30 billion dirhams (\$8.1 billion) in

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#### Russian oil output drops by 15 per cent

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The newspaper said the coun-

## Saudi heavy spending undermining stability — report

NEW YORK (AP) - A decade mid-1980s, when oil prices fell, of huge military spending and irregular banking practices has since 1983. undermined the financial stability of Saudi Arabia, one of the world's wealthiest countries,

according to a published report. The country's \$121 billion in financial reserves have almost vanished in the past decade, the New York Times reported in Sunday's editions. Spending has outstripped the tens of billions of dollars earned from the largest oil fields in the world owned by the Saudi government, the paper re-

try began to feel the pinch in the

and has racked up budget deficits

The portrait of a country to dire straits came from informanon supplied by Saudi businessmen and officials, American foreign policy and financial officials, Saudi government documents and independent analysts in the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Most individuals spoke on the condition of anony-

One American official told the newspaper that "the biggest black BCCI. hole in the Saudi economy" were unpaid loans to members of the royal family from the National Commercial Bank, the largest

private lending institution in

Saudi Arabia. The bank has not issued an audited financial statement in three years, the Times said. The bank's offices in New York and London were closed after crimin-

al fraud charges were brought

against its former chief executive. The charges stemmed from the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. The newspaper said some powerful Saudis were among the best customers of the Arab-owned

Saudi Arabia is the United States' largest supplier of oil, closest Arab ally and best customer for weapons exports.

## Kuwait assembly approves car loan write-off

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's parliament has approved a proposed government write-off of more than 100 million dinars (330 million) in car loans extended by figance companies to about 45,000 Kuwaitis, members of par-

liament said Sunday. The debt results from unpaid instalments due on cars hought before the Iraqi invasion of August 1990.

The measure was contained in a bill submitted by the finance and economic affairs committee and approved by a 34-1 vote at a plenary session of the assembly Saturday, committee members said by telephone.

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Finance Minister Nasser Abdullah Al Rodhan was among those who voted for the law, which will take effect within the next month.

The draft law did not stay the loans' total amount but car finance companies and members of parliament have said outstanding debt owed to the companies stands at about 150 million dinars (\$495 million).

Deputy Ahmed Al Nassar said: "The sums (provided for in the legislation) are not documented yet but they are over 100 million dinars. The number of the citizens who will benefit from the law reaches about 45,000,"

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was settled. Sbeikb Nassar said the writeoff would not apply to expatriate borrowers. The expatriates are believed to form a fraction of the total number of debtors and most have left the country.

Most purchasers refused to resume paying installments after the 1991 liberation, either because their cars were stolen or damaged during the occupation or because they felt that car debts, like other loans, ought to

be paid by the government.

After the Gulf war the government funded a write-off of consumer loans owed to commercial banks that in many cases had been used to finance car purchases. House payments were also

written off. Car finance companies accused the government of unfairness in paying car loans owed to banks but not car loans owed to other financial institutions.

Economists have cited the car loans issue as as factor compliating efforts to solve a separate \$20 billion had debt problem that has enfeebled banks for more than a

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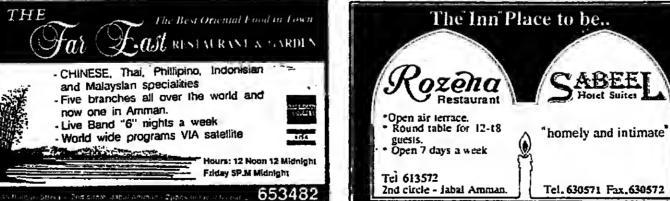
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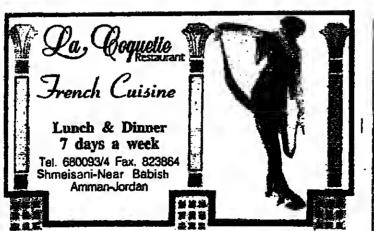
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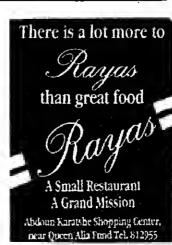
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## **Buthelezi** hardens threat to boycott **elections**

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DURBAN (AFP) — Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) leader Mangosnthu Buthelezi has hardened his threat to boycott South Africa's first non-racial election on April 27, the Sunday Times re-

ported.
"There is no way that ...as president of Inkatha, I am prepared to fight elections nver who is going to write the constitutiou," he told journalists at a game reserve in Natal province

"I am just not prepared to do that because it is a disaster for our

His bitter rival the African National Congress (ANC) and the government are pressing ahead with plans to have the elected Constitutent Assembly draft a final constitution.

A final decision on whether to take part in the election would be taken at a conference later this year, Mr. Buthelezi said.

Mr. Buthelezi, fearing the IFP will be swamped by the majority ANC in the Constituent Assemhly, demands that a final constitution with entrenched federalism to secure his Kwazulu homeland and surrounding Natal be drawn up before elections.

His threat follows a warning last week in Preturia that the IFP would refuse to contest elections if their demands are not met.

His increasingly agressive stance, together with regular predictions of civil war if the election goes ahead on April 27, is placing severe strains on his party's relations with Pretoria, the ANC and most of the 24 remaining parties at\_democracy talks.

The IFP and its rightwing Conservative Party ally abandoned talks on July 2, when democracy negotiators swept aside their pro-tests and confirmed the April 27

Mr. Buthelezi also demanded a referendum on whether or not South Africa should have a federal system.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus told the Sunday Times it was a great pity that Mr. Buthelezi had threatenend to boycott elections. "We will do everything in our

means to get the IFP to change its position. ne said. Top government negotiator Roeli Meyer said Saturday the

IFP had set unattainable goals which could not be reached without a compromise.

"If Inkatha refuses to make concessions, it will be difficult to hring it hack into the fuld," he

The IFP has dismissed out of hand two draft interim constitutions drawn up by democracy negotiaturs, which do not guarantee the federalism it demands.

President F.W. De Klerk last week lamhasted the IFP for walking out of talks and of accusing the government with the ANC of conniving in democracy talks.

"Inasmuch as the democratic process makes opponents of us, the IFP needs to know that it will have to deal with a formidable

adversary," he warned.
Mr. De Klerk left Sunday for a week-long tour of four South American countries aimed at boosting trade and husiness links, a Foreign Ministry spokesman

Mr. De Klerk, accompanied by a delegation of businessmen, is

scheduled to visit Uruguay,
Argentina, Paraguay and Chile.
Meanwhile, a lune gunman
with an AK-47 assault rifle sprayed workers attending a religious meeting here Sunday, killing at least 10 people and wound-

ing 21, police said. Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber revised downwards an earlier toll of 17 dead in the carnage on the sprawling grounds of the Scaw Metal Works in Germistan, east of Johannes-

burg.
The dead were nine men and

one woman, he said. A resident of the migrant labour hostel on the factory premises said the shooting started at 11:00 a.m. (0900 GMT) at a liquor store on the grounds and that four gunmen were involved, but this was not confirmed by

police. The dweller, whn did not want to be identified, said the shooting appeared "unprovoked," with the gunmen later running out of the shop and spraying people gathered for a regular weekly meeting of the hostel's funeral committee.

According to the account provided by Capt. Weber, a security guard heard gunfire and saw a man armed with an AK-47 chasing another man through the hos-

The gunman then went nutside and opened up on the meeting taking place on a lawn in front of

the hostel. Nine bodies were found outside and one inside the hostel. Capt. Weber said.

## **U.N.** warns of starvation in devastated Mostar

trapped in the besieged Bosnian Shork reported that a concrete city of Mostar could begin dying cellar serving as makeshift ward of starvation in five days unless for 20 wounded patients suffered of starvation in five days unless

day in the southern city and Croat forces shelled the Muslim-held quarter. Reuters correspondent Kurt Shork described the Muslim nld town as a bomb-hlasted

"The food situation (in Mostar) is desperate," Lyndall Sachs, spokeswoman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told a news conference in Sarajevo.

She gave details of a report by UNHCR official Jerrie Hulme about his visit Saturday to the Muslim sector where 55,000 people, including 30,000 refugees, were trapped.

"My colleague reported that local authorities were saying that if nn food convoys arrived in the next five days, we are going to see deaths by starvation.
"He said the population looked

extremely thin and they actually looked starved. He does not believe this statement hy the local authorities to be an exaggeration in any way," Ms. Sachs said. Ms. Sachs said U.N. officials

were trying to persuade Bosnian Croat forces, who are fighting the Muslim-led Bosnian gove nment forces in the area, to le. more convoys through. The Bo man Croat Defence Council (HVO) controls access routes to the southwestern city.
The U.N. was also exploring

the possibility of trying to get convoy in through Serb lines :: = city early next week.
"We've got this five-day clock

ticking and we are very, very anxious to get this convoy through," Ms. Sachs said. She called Mr. Hulme's report

'quite shocking." "He reported that there were people doing the 'Sarajevo jog' - that is they were running to avoid the sniper hullers which were coming in thick and fast."

of life in Mostar's Muslim quarter

In Mostar, correspondent relief supplies arrived quickly, a direct hit from a mortar round U.N. officials said Sunday. on Sunday morning, but all the Heavy fighting raged between patients escaped without serious Bosnian Croats and Muslims Suninjury.

Fighting between Croats and Muslims erupted in Mostar in May when the two sides' alliance collapsed in a scramble to grab territory ahead of any peace set-

Ms. Sachs said there was no electricity or water in the Muslim sector. The only water source was the Neretva River. "Whenever people try to get water, they get sniped at," she said.

U.N. relief workers reached the Muslim-held quarter of Mostar Saturday for the first time since the beginning of June, de-livering a small amount of medical supplies there.

The U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) civil affairs directur, Cedrie Thurnherry. embarked on new negotiations Sunday to try to obtain permanent access for emergency aid to the sector

the medical supplies to a Muslim hospital was a "symbolic" gesture, intended to open the way for larger, regular aid convoys. Mr. Thornberry said the Muslim hospital, housed in a laboratory built at the beginning of this century, bas about 50 beds jam-

He said Saturday's delivery of

med into its hallways and entr-Four doctors from Sarajevo had arrived in the Muslim enclave Friday night, completing their journey with a 15-hour trek

across the hills. Around Sarajevo, tensions has apparently increased on Mount Igman overlooking the Bosnian capital. UNPROFOR spokesvoman Lieutenant-Colonel Tricia Purves said the Serb and . Muslim armies had accused each other of failing to honour the agreement to pull forces back off Mount Igman by Aug. 14.
At a meeting with UNPRO-

FOR in Sarajevo Saturday, both sides made direct threats if the

agreement was not obeyed, Coi. Purves said. They said if the other side violated the withdrawal agreement "they would batter them," she added.

In central Bosnia, the Bosnian government army appeared to be moving reinforcements from the 7th Brigade into positions around Fojnica and to the area around Gornji Vakuf. Both of these towns were the scene of intense combat in recent weeks.

Col. Purves said the reinforcements might only be a routine rotation of troops, but she added: "It's always worrying when one side starts moving troops."

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovie has received a letter from the United States promising help in implementing the proposed peace plan that aims to end Bosnia's civil war, Sarajevo Radio

reported Sunday.

The radin said the letter from Secretary of Stat- Warren Christopher encouraged a negotiated solution to the aree-sided civil war and promised American assistance in the post-war reconstruction of the republic.

The U.S. State Department has sent letters to all three of Bosnia's warring parties urging them to consider seriously the compromise agreement hammered out at peace talks in Gene-

Serb artillery opened fire on the Maslenica Bridge Sunday shortly after the Croatian authorities had finished repairing it, diplomats and the U.N. Protec-

tion Force here said. Two shells landed near the bridge but caused no damage, UNPROFOR said.

A Western diplomat told AFP that about 10 shells landed in the zone at about 12:20 p.m. (1020 GMT) and that two more landed less than half an hour later. The Croatian authorities had

only got the floating pontoon hridge back into service towards midday after repairs to damage caused at the beginning of the month by Serb fighters of the hreakaway Krajina region of



A member of the armed group calling itself Group 40 For National Sovereignty (masked) points at Duilio Baltodano (left), the director of the United

Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO) at a press confer ence announcing the release of 14 hostages (AFP

## Pro-Sandinista hostage-takers free 14 in Nicaragua; standoff continues

MANAGUA (AFP) — Government negotiators convinced a pro-Sandinista group to free 14 hostages hut at least 60 people remained captive Saturday in a double hostage erisis many Nicaraguans fear could trigger another civil war.

Formerly U.S.-backed contra rebels took 37 hostages Thursday in northern Nicaragua. In retaliation, a pro-Sandinista group attacked the centrist UNO coalition headquartes during a high level meeting and took 40 hos-tages, including Vice President Virgilio Goduy.

Sandinista former President Daniel Ortega, sent to the site of the Managua hostage-taking as part of a negotiating team, told reporters: Mr. Godoy was still a prisoner but that the group freed two lawmakers suffering from ill health, 11 staffers and the son of a legislator. The group of former Sandinista troops freed another ill assemblyman shortly after its raid on a party meeting.

An AFP journalist who briefly entered UNO headquarters where the pro-Sandinistas are bolding the vice president and others saw a tired and tense Godoy, with former Assembly. Speaker Alfredo Cesar, waiting out au end to the standoff, as the abductors' leader held a press conference next door.

ordered an AFP reporter out of cuss political issues. the room to the conference. "We are here and we hope everything will turn out well,' Mr. Godoy said.

The pro-Sandinista group leader, known by the nom-de-guerre Commander 31, complained that the hostage release was not met with one from the rearmed con-

"We freed people as a good will gesture, and what has (contra rebel leader) the Jackal done?" Commander 31 asked reporters. 'He has not let anyone go." Jose Angel Talavera, the leader of the Recontras, as the group

is called, said Friday he would agree to no such exchanges. The former contra rebels took hostage 37 members of a government delegation Thursday to demand that President Violeta Chamorro dismiss army chief Humberto Ortega, a Sandinista and the brother of the former Sandinista president, and Antonio Lacayo, Chamorro's controver-

sial top aide and son-in-law. The delegation had travelled to Quilali, 300 kilometres (200 miles) north of the capital, for peace talks with the re-armed contras, who ended a civil war against the leftist former Sandinista government three years ago.

Government Minister Alfredo Mendieta said two high-level This is the most serious event—commissions negotiating an end Nicaragua has been hit with in to the hostage crisis have free rein years." Mr. Cesar said, befure to reach agreements on legal and guards brandishing AK-47s economic issues but cannot dis-

In an unusual move, Nicaragua's splintered political elite closed ranks with the president

The two leading political forces in the country, UNO — the coalition that backed Mrs. Chamorro's presidential bid only to break with her over policy choices — and the Sandinista National Liberation Front party, issued a rare joint communique asking that the hostages held by both groups be "unconditionally and

immediately freed."
In Washington, the State Department urged the hostagetakers to free their captives. "Such actions by extremists are extraordinarily destructive to the development of the rule of law and consolidation of democratic institutions," it said in a state-

Journalists taken hostage

In a later development, the gunmen holding hostage Nicar-agua's vice-president and a score of other political leaders Sunday seized a group of journalists covering the stand-off, local radio reports said.

Radio Ya said its reporter, who had been allowed to transmit from inside the building where the hostages are being held, had been taken prisoner by the gunmen along with at least seven other Micaras

"They are no longer there as journalists, they are there as hostages," the radio said.

#### Michael Jackson stays out of public view BANGKOK (AFP) - U.S. su-

perstar Michael Jackson went Sunday into his first full day of a tour of Thailand and other Asian countries with his programme shrouded in secrecy. Lee Soltess: who is in charge of public relations for the 34-year-old pop idot, said he had no programme of activities so far for Mr. Jackson; who will give two open air concerts in the Thai capital Tuesday. and Wednesday amid massive: security. "He will be visiting interesting places here and doing some shopping, hat we just don't know when," Mr. Solters said. Staff at the Oriental Hotel, one of the most famous in the world, where Jackson is staying remained mum. Jackson arrived late Saturday in Bangkuk, on the first leg of an Asian tour which also includes Singapore and Taipei. As the hotel lohby was packed with uniformed and plainclothed police preventing anyentering the lifts, Jackson slipped ? into the hotel by a backdoor to avoid a crowd of some 200 photo. graphers and fans who had been waiting for his arrival. He later. made a brief appearance on the terrace of his 13th floor suite and waved to a group who had: gathered around the hotel's. swimming pool below, chanting, "Michael, Michael." A force of some 2,000 soldiers and policemen is to be deployed to provide... security for the concerts which will take place at the 40,000 seat; National Stadium. Tickets for the shows have been snapped up and .. the stadium is expected to be-jam-packed for the performances, which have been described as the biggest concerts ever organised in Thailand.

#### **Brigitte Bardot** turns her nose up. at Saint-Tropez

PARIS (R) - Screen goddess. Brigitte Bardot, who put Saint-Tropez on the celebrity map, now. . says her adopted French Riviera resort has lost all its charm. "The town is overrun by boodhums, drug addicts, crooks of all kinds, bits of garbage," she said in one of a long string of put-downs ... published in France-Soir news. paper. "It's Miami." The fishing village nicknamed Saint-Trop has been a summer playground for film and pop stars ever since Bardot, sex symbol turned animal ,, rights crusader, settled there in 1958. Now she spends her summers near Paris, where she was . of the 1960s, when there were -. pretty girls, models, cover girls, is gone," Bardot, 58, said in the interview. Today French fries and sausages are king." Saint Tropez's population of about 5,000 swells in the summer when an estimated 100,000 tourists design scend each day from the surrounding hills to crowd its : mediaeval streets. "What's become of the little fishing port where I'd tie up my little boat to do my errands?" Bardot said as a young girl she'd go to night clubs in bare feet, her hair covered with sea salt. "Now yon've got to go to.: the hairdresser's and put on and evening dress to go out at night in Saint-Tropez."

#### Surgeon removes live grenade from man's arm

BOGOTA (R) -- A Colombian surgeon Saturday removed a live grenade from the arm of a man 14 ft. hours after he was struck by the projectile in a crossfire between soldiers and guerrillas, the Colprensa News Agency reported. Giberto Avaunza Garcia was driving in his truck when he was struck by the fragmentation gre-nade in a skirmish between army troops and Marxist rebels near troops and Marxist rebels near the city of Bucaramanga, Colprensa said. Twn hospitals turned him away before he was accepted at a third in Bucaramanga. "I wasn't scared," the agency quoted Mr. Avaunza as saying. "I only felt a little stunned when they told me I had a grenade in my arm." Television images showed the man lying in a stretcher with the grenade lodged in his er with the grenade lodged in his blackened and bloodied left arm. The grenade, about 40 mm (1.5 inches) wide, usually explodes on impact. Colprensa said the delicate operation lasted about six hnurs. The surgeon was assisted by an explosives expert.

#### Japanese wartime plane found in indonesia jungie

JAKARTA (R) — The wreckage of a wartime Japanese Mitsubishi fighter plane has been found in the Indonesian jungle complete with guns, ammunition and skeleton, Antara News Agency said Sunday. It said a scavenger found the plane, which carried the red sun insignia of Japan's Imperial Air Force, last week in the jungles of East Kalimantan on the island of Borneo. Officials trekked through the jungle to verify the discovery and recovered evidence for further study.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF** push on Khmer Russia, Lithuania break off talks MOSCOW (R) — Russia said Sunday it bad broken off talks on

withdrawing its remaining troops from Lithuania and warned Vilmus it would act "swiftly and decisively," if they suffered any intimidation. A terse Russian Foreign Office statement marked the deepest crisis in relations between Russia and Lithuania since the end of Soviet rule in 1991. Its wording at points recalled the rancour of the darker days of Vilnius's independence struggle. Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas cancelled Moscow talks with Russian leader Boris Yeltsin, screduled for Munday. The Russian Foreign Ministry statement said the pullout, scheduled under a bilateral deal to take place hy Aug. 31, would still go ahead hut "at a time convenient to the Russian Federation of which the Lithuanian side will be informed." Some 2,500 troops remain unt uf the 30,000 originally stationed in the Baltic state.

#### Azerbaijan retakes Jebrail

BAKU (AP) - Azerbaijan retook a southern city seized earlier in the week hy Armenian forces but the Armenians continued to hold strategic heights overlooking Jebrail, the Defence Ministry reported Saturday. The Armenian advance in recent days has sent about 60,000 people fleeing sonthern Azerhaijani regions east toward the border with Iran, the international Red Cross reported. On Saturday, the Armenians captured the Azerbaijani village of Azburn near the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, Azerbaijan's Defence Ministry reported. There was no immediate word on any casualties. Armenian forces that had taken Jebrail earlier in the week now have pulled back to the heights surrounding the city to the north, the Azerbaijaui Defence Ministry said. A field commander for the Armenians said, however, that his forces never intended to hold Jebrail because of its close proximity to Iran. "We don't want to create a political dispute between Nagorno-Karabakh and Iran," said Mikhail Pogosian, who led Nagorno-Karabakh troops near the city.
Meanwhile, Armenian : sident Levon Ter-Petrosian Saturday named a new defenction inister, Serge Sarkisyan, who until recently served as Nation-Karabakh's defence minister.

#### Oswald alone killed JFK — new book

NEW YORK (R) — One of the largest private probes into the 1963 assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy — one using the most advanced computer technology available — concludes Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone assassin with no credible ties to any conspiracy. Investigator-anthor Gerald Posner, whose findings will be published by Random House next week in a book called Case Closed, also says he has proven the widely criticised "single-hullet" theory that both Kennedy and Texas Governor John Connally were struck by a single bullet that emerged only slightly damaged. According to excerpts of the book made available by U.S. News and World Report, which is devoting a special issue to Case Closed, only three hullets were fired hy Oswald and over a period of eight seconds — not 4.8 as previously thought — meaning Oswald had more than enough time to fire his deadly fusiliade.

#### 2 killed in Thailand attack

BANGKOK (R) — Two people were killed and seven injured Sunday when Muslim separatists opened fire on a train in southern Thailand, police said. Local police said a number of gummen fired M-16s, AK-47s and rockets at a train travelling from Bangkok to Sungakolok, nne of the southernmost towns near the Malaysian border. General Manat Kruchaiyan, deputy national police chief, said a note found at the scene of the attack claimed responsibility for the Patani United Liberation Organisation

#### Japanese student dies in U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — A Japanese exchange student shot in the head and left to die on a California street this week died in hospital Saturday after his parents decided to turn off a life support system, a hospital spokeswoman said. Masakazu Kuriyama, 25, never recovered consciousness after being shot twice in the head by unknown assailants, said nursing supervisor Sherrill Harris at the hospital in Walnut Creek, California. He was found lying near a commuter railway station in Concord, 50 kilometres east of San Francisco, early Friday morning.

# Phnom Penh Rouge to continue

PHNOM PHA, Cambodia (R) — Soldiers of the unified Cambodian army say they will press their offensive against the Khmer Rouge, who were forced last week to hlow up tonnes of arms and ammunition before fleeing

Soldiers of the Unified Force who overran a base at the jungle village of Phnom Pha, a stone's throw from the Thai border, said over the weekend they would continue the government's offensive against the Maoist guerrillas.

"I was uneasy fighting against the Khmer Rouge and capturing this logistics village, since they were our allies in the past decade, hut we have to perform our duty in accordance with the policy of the new government, Majur-General Proh Plucy, 31, the field commander.

He and his 500 infantrymen used to fight for the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), an anti-Communist group formerly allied with the Khmer Ronge against Viet-namese forces and the Hanoiinstalled Phnom Penh govern-

A Reuter reporter saw the former armnuries of the Khmer Rouge burned to the group, with hundreds of M-16s, AK-47s and

heavy guns buried in the ashes.

A Thai army task furce near the battleground that had disarmed fleeing Khmer Rouge fighters showed about 100 AK-47s, M-16s, light machineguns and recoilless rifles.

"The Khmer Rouge decided to hlow up their depots before fleeing their base... they will not feturn here." said Captain Srey Chan, 27, the assistant field com-

Khmer Rouge envoy Chan Youran has gone to Pyongyang to hold talks with Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihapouk in the first discussions over the next several weeks aimed resolving the ongoing Cambodian

Mr. Chan Youran left the Cambodian capital Saturday bound for North Korea where Prince Sihanouk is visiting his long-time friend Kim Il-Sung, a senior Cambodian government official said.

Cambodian co-Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who is Prince Sihanouk's son, will then go to Pyongyang for similar discussions on Sept. 30, the offi-

## Japan recognises World War II mistakes; refuses to pay compensation

expected to express anew the national responsibility for World War II suffering in a speech to parliament Monday but his government has clearly said it will

not be paying any compensation.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Hosokawa became the first Japanese head of government to describe the country's World War II post-ure as a "war of aggression" waged against Asian neighbours in the 1930s and 1940s.

Some Japanese press reports speculate that Mr. Hosokawa may even go a bit further Monday by offering formal "apologies" to the Asian countries.

Mr. Hosokawa, who came to power two weeks ago as the head of Japan's first coalition government in 45 years, is to address both houses of the diet, nr parliament, Munday. Asian countries which suffered

during Japan's expansionist drive before and during Wurld War II, mainly China and South Korea, have welcomed Japan's recent

Huwever, Mr. Hosnkawa's new, open attitude has also revived demands for financial compensation by thousands of war

It is virtually certain Mr. Hosokawa will not be offering compensation. Foreign Affairs Minister Tsutomu Hata said Friday the question of war reparations was closed. The night before, Government Secretary-General Masayoshi

Takemura firmly denied reports by two mass-circulation newspapers that Tukyo would create a special compensation fund of up to two trillion yen (\$19 billion).
Mr. Hata said the 100,000 to 200,000 "enmfort wamen". forced into prostitution by the Japanese Imperial Army during the war, were an exception in terms of compensation, but he

did not give details. The Japanese government has never before taken such steps to atone for its degree of responsibility in the long taboo question of World War II, a somber period in the nation's history.

However, this frank new spirit is not without its opponents in Japan. Several opposition mem-bers have severely criticised the usage "war of aggression" and two ministers of the current cahinet have expressed reserva-

"It is a hlasphemy against his-

TOKYO (AFP) — Japan's Prime victims still living in Asia and tory to define Japan's war acts as Minister Moribiro Hosokawa is elsewhere in the world. bility for the war falling on Japan," Shizuka Kamci, a member of the opposition Liberal

Democratic Party, said.

Meanwhile, defence chief Keisuke Nakanishi said in an interview Sunday that Japan will maintain close ties with the United States and will not cut its military strength..

"It is short-circuit thinking to cut defence forces only because of the end of the cold war," Mr. Nakanishi, director general of the Defence Agency, said in the in-terview with the Asahi Shimbun newspaper. The minister said the new

the previous government led by the conservative: Liberal Demo-cratic Party (LDP). We must maintain close relations with the United States," said Mr. Nakanishi who was appointed defence chief under

administration would maintain

the defence policies pursued by

the seven-party coalition cabinet. Mr. Nakanishi said at a news conference Friday that the defence agency would seek a budget to purchase two Airborne Warning And Cuntral System (AWACS) plans from the United States.

## Taiwan ruling party ends key congress

TAIPEI (Agencies) — Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui closed a key congress of his strife-torn Nationalist Party Sunday after averting a major split in its ranks but failing to quell growing dis-

Mr. Lee, who survived a challenge from rebel delegates to win another four-year term as party chairman during the convention. appealed for party unity in the face of the most serious threats to the Nationalists' hold on power in four decades.

"I always believe that every difficulty can be overcome as long as we are sincere and determined," he told about 2,000 delegates on the last day of the

gathering.
"I will bonour my pledge to dedicate myself to the nation and new generation of younger, more

the party's cause to consolidate unity, integrate different opinions and rejuvenate the party apparatns to meet external challenges," Mr. Lee said.

The seven-day congress approved a series of reforms to make the party more democratic and win back flagging public support, which has dropped to its lowest levels since the Nationalists lost the Chinese civil war and fled to Taiwan in 1949.

Elections by secret ballot were introduced for key party posts, including the chairmanship, and the Nationalists adopted a new platform which piedges to stamp out corruption, one of the main reasons for their loss of support.

The party also replaced many old-guard conservatives with a progressive politicians in its 210-member Central Committee,

Mr. Lee, 70, of dragging his feet on reform and tolerating corrup-

"On the surface, there is unity cratic Progressive Party (DPP).

But the congress failed to satisfy the rebel faction which has grown since Taiwan began democratic reforms by lifting martial law in 1987. The rebels accuse

within the party. But underneath the storm is continuing, Yen Hui-Chun, a spokeswoman for the rebels, told a news conference. Mr. Yen said the divisions would hurt the Nationalists in local government elections in November, when the party is expected to face a stiff challenge from the main opposition Demo-

# Capriati ousts Sanchez-Vicario, Courier regains No. 1 ranking

TORONTO (AP) — Steffi Graf but Capriati came back and won the set on a cross-court forchand. Seturday in a 6-2, 6-1 semifinal defeat of Switzerland's Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere to advance to the fioals of the Canadian Open tennis tournament.

'Graf, seeded No. I, will meet 17-year-old American Jennifer Copriati, a 7-6 (10-8), 6-2 semifinal winoer over defending champion Aranoxa Sanchez-Vicario.

The 24-year-old Graf was nearly-perfect against her 26-year-old Swiss opponent, using an overpowering forehand and first serve to finish Maleeva-Fragniere in 56

"I don't think I could have played much better." said Graf. who landed her first serve 72 per cent of the time compared with Maleeva-Fragniere's 26 per cent. Graf, the top-ranked player in the world, has yet to lose a set this week. Saturday victory was ber 17th in a row over Maleeva-

"I can't crincise anything in my ame," she said. "It seemed she cain't really know what to do because there wasn't anything today that could hurt me."

"I felt really under pressure all the time," said Maleeva-Fragniere, seeded eighth. "I was district trying to counter, I was trying to e other be aggressive. I was trying to hit Police even harder but she was coming chuding up with even bener shots."

The five-time Wimble The five-time Wimbledon kesmas champion won eight consecutive

trial of points the first two games. She also capitalised on the weak second serve of Maleeva-Fragniere throughout the match. In the other semifinal at the m Pensi Nacional Tennis Centre at York visit 6 University, Capriati, seeded in, and Sanchez Vicario, called second, dazzled a near-apacity crowd of 10,000 with a

brilliant display of tennis. The tenacious Spaniard came back from a 3-1 deficit in the first set to force a tiebreaker with the well-rested American, who recived a bye into the semifinals is job a when Julie Halard of France de-I turned faulted her quarterfinal match e on his Friday night because of back

Sanchez-Vicario was up 5-0 Emriais and then 6-3 in the tiebreaker,

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g by the Kentucky Derby winner

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — Sea Hero became the first Keotucky Derby winner since 1942 to also win the Travers Stakes Saturday, taking the lead with less than an eighth of a mile (200 metres) left and beating Kissin Kris by two lengths.

Returning to the form he displayed on the first Saturday in May, Sea Hero moved past Devoted Brass and Colomial Affair to be the

in too Derby-Travers winner since Shutout won the 11/4 mile (2-

luand "I couldn't be more delighted," said Paul Mellon, Sea Hero's

in have 35-year-old owner who won his fourth Travers after having won his have are Deeply.

ng two Stakes, the second and third legs of the U.S. Thoroughbred Triple et the Crown, and who finished fourth in the Jim Dandy Aug. 1 at

000 E Saratoga, was the eighth Derby winner to appear in the Travers since

Sea Hero, who falteted badly in the Preakness Stakes and Belmont

Jerry Bailey kept Sea Hero well off the lead going down the

Sea Hero began going around horses and swept into the stretch

backstretch, then sparked kicked the colt entering the final turn.

four wide. At the top of the stretch, Sea Hero brushed briefly with

Miner's Mark, who had beaten him in the Jim Dandy, then sailed

lown the middle of the track for his victory in 2 minutes, 1 4-5 econds. Kissin Kris finished a length ahead of Miner's Mark.

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charer took the ace of diamonds and drew two rounds of trumps, to get the had news. Declarer cashed the ace and king of hearts and contin-ued with a low heart from dummy. East ruffed, led a low diamond to West's nine and scored another heart ruff for a one-trick set. Declarer played the hearts well. Had South been able to limit East to one ruff, the contract would have

one ruff, the contract would have one rate, the contract would never rated home, despite the 4-1 trump split. And thet could have been ac-complianed by avoiding a slight mis-cue at the very first trick.

It required no deep play. Declarer should simply have let West hold the first diamond. Now nothing can hurt the contract. Declarer wins the

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diamond continuation and contin-ues as before. Now, if East ruffs the third heart, West has no entry to give partner a second ruff. If East refuses to ruff, declarer's queen wins and the last heart is ruffed on the table. Regardless of what the de-fense does, declarer can lose no more than three tricks.

ibever captures Travers

"You dig deep down and you just come through," she said. "1 just had all this adrenalin goign and I was going to run down

Sanchez-Vicario said losing the first set was the difference. "If I would have won the first set everything would have changed. She started getting

everything and not give anything

more confident. The final is a rematch of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, in which Capriao beat Graf 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to win the gold medal. Graf is 8-1 against Capriati.

#### Rest becomes a priority for demoted Sampras

In Indianapolis, Wimbledon champion Pete Sampras was searching for answers Saturday, reluctantly taking an early vacation before be heads to the U.S. Open minus the ATP tour's No. I

Sampras will be ranked second hehind American rival Jim Courier when the new rankings are released Monday, and the switch in positions will also be reflected when the draw for the U.S. Open is made Thursday. Saturday's combination of Courier's quarterfinal victory over Cedrie Pioline and the shocking 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (7-5) upset of Sampras by 20year-old Patrick Rafter of Au-

stralia produced the change. Sampras was seeking his third conseuctive U.S. hardcourts title, having brought a 20-2 tournament mark into the event.

But he saw some benefit to the

"I will have some time off now before the Open. It has been four straight weeks (of competition) for me, which I think is a bit too moch, I don't think I'm going to do this schedule again," Sampras

Rest is his major priority. "Take a couple of days off, start working out again, work on a couple of things down in Flotida." he said when asked what he'd be doing since he didn't have

## Courier, seeded second behind

Sampras bere, expressed no glee over reclaiming the No. 1 ranking after his 6-3, 6-4 win over Pioline.
"I am indifferent. 1 am glad to win this match," said Courier, who takes over the top spot for

the fourth different time Monday." That is the only thing that is important to me right now." Earlier in the tournament, which he won in 1988, Courier said he was only concerned with

year-end rankings.
"I've said it all along. I will keep saying it, that the ranking counts at the end of the year. That is when it goes into the books," Courier said. "I enjoyed my time as No. 1 hopefully, I will have more time up there. It is not something that I worry about. The importance for me certainly lies in the hig tournaments, not

#### Medvedev advances to finals

In New Haven, connecticut -Andrei Medvedev used a powerful serve to uvecome Andre Agassi's masterful return game, advancing to the Volvu International finals with a 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 6-4 victory Saturday.

Medvedev, 19 next week, will be seeking his sixth tournament title, but first on a surface other than clay, when he meets Petr Kords. Kords, who won the hardcourt tournament two years ago, advanced with a 6-3 6-1 victory over unseeded Byron

Medvedev had 23 aces, 11 in the first set as Agassi managed just two points off Medevdev first serve in the set.

"I've never done anything like this before," Medvedev said of his masterful serving. "Not even in practice when there's no one on the other side of the court."

The match featured many long rallies between the two baseliners. Agassi frequently had the advantage, but it wasn't enough to overcome Medvedev's serve. "I don't think there's anything

he could have done. I was hitting the corners and all the places that make it tough to return," Med-

#### Milan win Super Cup WASHINGTON (AFP) - Marco Simone scored in the fourth minute to give AC Milan their second straight Super Cup victory, a 1-0 triumph over Torino

The triumph was Milan's third in the six-year history of the Super Cup, between the Italian

"This was an important victory," Milan coach Fabio Capello said. "This was our first afternoon game. We saw in the second half both teams were not as pre-cise as they should have been." A crowd of 25,268 watched at RFK Stadium, one of the venues

for next year's World Cup. The match was moved to the United States to help promote football in advance of the World

Cup.
Milan, the two-time defending Italian champions, scored after Franco Baresi, sent a long kick into the penalty area.

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## World Athletics Championships

## U.S. relay team equals world record without Lewis Kiptanui wins steeplechase; Biryukova sets triple jump record

Americans apparently don't need Carl Lewis to set records in the

400-metre relay.

The U.S. team showed that emphatically Saturday, as Jon Drummond, Andre Casoo, Dennis Mitchell and Leroy Burrell matched the world record of 37.40 seconds during a semifinal heat at the World Cham-

It was a stunning performance, considering it was the first ome the relay record ever had been broken or tied other than in a final, And it was done without Lewis, who had run anchor on the six teams — either represent-ing the United States or his Santa Monica Track Club - that had matched or bettered the record in

the past 10 years.
"We don't need Carl Lewis oo the end of a 400-metre relay team to run a world record - and we just proved it," said Cason, who ran a sensational second leg. "This is a dream relay team."

"I can't believe they're going to make us run again tomorrow (in the final)," the histrionic Drum-mond said. "We had no intendon of going out and breaking the

The record-equalling performance by the U.S. relay team and the Americans' verbal jousting with the British team over sprinting supremacy carried more impact thao Saturday's six finals, including a world record:

Russia's Ana Biryukova destroyed the record in the women's triple jump, soaring 15.09 metres (49 feet-6 1-4 inches) surpassing the mark of 14.97 (49-1 1-2) set by teammate Yolanda Chen this

In other women's finals, Junxia Wang led a I-2 Chinese finish in the rough-and-tumble 10,000 metres, winning in 30:49.30, a world junior record and the fastest in the world io 1993, and Cubans finished 1-2 in the bigh jump, with Ioamnet Quintero winning at 1.99 (6-6 1-4), then dedicating her victory to Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

In the men's finals, Switzerland's Wernor Gunthor won his third straight world shot put otle, throwing 21.97 (72-1), the farthest in the world this year; Kenyans Moses Kiptanui and Patrick Sang were I-2 for the second straight championships in the 3,000-metre steeplechase, with Kiptanui timed in 8:06.36, the year's fastest, and Spain's Jesus Garcia took the 50-kilometre walk in 3:41:41, also the year's best time.

After the relay race, Drumcapacity erowd of 52,200 at Gottlieb-Daimler Stadium who had cheered wildly for the co-record holders. He fell to the ground in a mock faint, staggered around like a dronk and jokingly gestured to the fans.

When he and his teammates ran, however, they were all busi-

Especially Burrell. As the new anchor man, he had the responsibility of bringing home the baton, the job usually reserved for Lewis.

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in his international experience that he hadn't anchored the USA 4×100," Burrel said. "He told me if he had to had the stick off to anybody, he was glad it was me. "I feel like I have to own up to that, because Carl's been a keystone in track and field in the U.S. "He's given me a great deal of

tesponsibility.

While the U.S. team was flying on the track, Lewis was flying in the air - on his way home to Houston after having finished third in the 200 metres and fourth in the 100.

The Americans' sizzling show sent a strong message to the British team, which had been elaiming sprint supremacy after Linford Christie won the 100 and John Regis was runner-up in the 200, ahead of Olympic gold medalist Mike Marsh and Lewis.

Asked if be was worried about the Brits in the final, Burrell said, "no concern whatsoever." Drummond had the same feel-

mg.

"Tell them to bring a tank, because there will be a fight all night," he said. "We made a statement out there."

Christie wasn't convinced. The talking is done tomorrow," he said with a sneer. "I thought I was running a semifinal. I didn't realize I was running a

The Brits ran a team of Jason John, Tony Jarrett, Darren Braithwaite and Chrisoe. John and Braithwaite probably will be replaced by Colin Jackson and Regis for the final, giving the Brits a "dream medal team." In addition to Christie's gold in

these championships, Jackson set the world record in the 110-metre hurdles, while Jarrers and Regis won silver medals. "It was their team for the final

out there tonight," Christie said. 'We've got ours saved for tomor-

The day's biggest controversy came in the combative 10,000

Kenya's Selina Barsosio, the third-place finisher, was origina!ly listed as disqualified and stripped of the bronze medal. However, officials said it was a clerical mixup and there was no disqualification. But Barsosio soll was disturted

hy the roughness of the race. "The American (Lynn Jennings) hit me and the Chinese were pushing from both sides,' Barsosio said.

"There was a lot of jostling." said Jennings, who finished fifth.



Men's 3000 steeplechase winner Moses Kiptanui of Kenya (centre) flanked by 2nd winner Patrick Sang (right) and 3rd-placed Alessandro Lambruschini (AFP photo)

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The U.S. 4×100m relay team horsing around on the truck after equalling the world record (AFP photo:

"One of the Kenyans was real ling 10 golds.

physical, "It was a very physical race. It was much more of a roller derby than I have ever been in before."

South African Elana Meyer, the 1992 Olympic silver medalist. was so upset with the physical contact that she dropped out of the race after 4,200 metres.

Obviously it was not the right decision to give up, but I've been pushed each lap," Meyer said. It vas terrible."

The U.S. team appeared on its way toward a possible sweep in all four relays, as all four American teams won their semifinal beats. The Americans lead the medal standings with 22, includ-

The choing limanips were rocked with unother artiz case — the third — as Remas Uhamas of Lithaunia, the fourth-place finisher in the men's discus and the 1992 Olympic gold medalist and 1988 silver medallist, was suspended for four years ofter testing positive for the anobolic steroid Boldenene.

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har PLO Executive Committee BEIRUT (R) — Shafiq Al Hout, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) veteran reprecerning the outcome of the talks," he added, The chief Palestinian nego-

sentative to Lebanoo, withdrew from the PLO Executive Committee Sunday, saying the orga-nisation was being wrecked by problems over leadership, peace alks and finance.

Mr. Hout, 61, stopped short of resigning and appealed for an urgent meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC) to stop the rot and rebuild confidence. 'As we await this (PNC) ses-

sion I beseech every Palestinian to demand that it convenes and I find myself forced to suspend my work in the Executive Commit-"I vow... to remaio a loyal

soldier for Palestice and the PLO, which I had the honour of taking part in building. "I find it hard to witness its destruction, the liquidation of its

institutions and the scaring away of its workers," added Mr. Hout, the PLO's chief representative to Lebanon sioce 1965. He said it was oo secret the

PLO had political, fioancial and structural problems and its leadership was responsible.

Asked whether he was therefore resigning from the Executive Committee which he was elected to in September 1991, he said: "A resignation is presented to

the PNC. It is the only body which has the power of decision (on it). We were not elected by (PLO Chairman Yasser) Arafat. We were elected by the PNC. "From now oo ontil the session is convened, I will take no part in

gropes for new clues

the work of the committee." Mr. Hout is considered a moderate and behind-the-scenes player respected by many Palestioians

CAIRO (Agencies) - Egyptian

authorities bave released some 20

people held for questioning and

have made no significant progress

in their search for surviving mem-

nearly killed Interior Minister

Five days after the bomb attack

on General Alfi's motorcade,

police were still groping for fresh

clues. They said it was still un-

clear how many militants took

part in the attack or whether the

comes were set out by remote

controi. a timer or a fuse set by

No suspects have been

The most important clues have

come from identifying two of the

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Police searched Mr. Hafez's

apartment on Saturday and said

they found assembled time

bombs and boxes of explosives

similar to those used in the attack

on Tuesday. The place appeared

to have been used as a factory to

The entrance to the apartment

sives. Police also found an ice-

cream cart which they suspected

make bombs.

Rashed, 34, died in hospital.

militants on the scene.



Shafiq Al Hout

He won the admiration of both Lebanese and Syrians with whom he negotiated during Lebanon's 15-year civil war and the Israeli invasion up to Beirut to expel the PLO's fighters.

"As a member of the current Executive Committee, I consider that I and some other colleagues cannot bear responsibility for resolutioos issued in our oame withoot our knowing about them," he

Mr. Arafat this month made three Palestinian peace negotiators members of a sevenmember steering committee to direct the peace talks after they threatened to resign because of

disagreements. The most dangerous thing in all of this is the absence of the Executive Committee from (dealing with) the negotiations and the reporting (by Arafat) to names and positioos which have no existence in the hierarchy of the organisation," Mr. Hout said.

This is what we cannot accept or bear responsibility for, especially as we are nearing the stage for his part in building the PLO. of taking grave resolutions con-

Police said the two dead mili-

tants belonged to Al Jihad, which

assassinated President Anwar

Sadat in 1981. Both were

"Afghan Arabs," who trained

tiator to peace talks with Israel, Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi, has demanded democratic reform of the PLO, including a collective leadership and the reactivation of PLO institutions to reduce Mr. Arafat's grip on the organisation.

Mahmoud Darwish, a PLO dove who played a role as a mediator between PLO leaders, resigned from the Executive Committee last week in protest at Mr. Arafat's leadership, peace talks policy and the financial cri-

Mr. Hont said he and other leaders agreed at a PNC meeting in Algiers in 1991 to support the talks but found the PNC's principles and "red lines" - forbidden areas - for the negotiations were

threatened or ignored.

He called for "all affected forces without exception" to take

part in a PNC meeting.
Once one of the world's richest liberation movement, the PLO lost income from Gulf states angered by its sympathy for Baghdad during the crisis over the Iraqi invasion of Kowait in

According to Palestinian officials in Jordan, the PLO is selling some prime real estate to raise some of \$125 million needed to cover onpaid salaries, pensions and welfare benefits. (See page 2) Officials said that it had to

suspend salaries in June for nearly 30 per cent of its 15,000 employees.

Palestinians say among those hardest hit are about 4,500 PLO fighters evacuated to Libya, Sudan, Yemen and Algeria after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in

## Chinese ship moves closer

ABU DHABI (AFP) — A Chinese freighter suspected by the United States of carrying chemical weapons components for Iran bas moved closer to the Strait of Hormuz at the entrance to the Gulf, shipping sources said.

Sunday that its warships in the area continued to shadow the

arrived in the region on Aug. 3, has moved to within 50 kilometres of the entrance of the straight that leads to the Gulf, shipping sources in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) said.

"It is now moving in a small area in the south close to the strait off the Omani town of Dibba. But it is not in Omani territorial waters," one source said. "Two days ago, it was off the UAE port of Fojeirah in

up towards Hormuz." The sources said the vessel. carrying 700 containers, was get-ting food and fuel supplies from shipping companies in the area. They quoted owners of boats that

reached the vessel as saying its 24 crewmeo were fine. The U.S. Navy, which has

more than 10 warships in and around the Gulf, kept up its surveillance of the vessel but maintaioed it was not blocking its

surveillance but we are not obstructing its movement forward от backwards," a oavy spokesman, Lientenant Commander Bruce Cole, told AFP by telephone from his Gulf headquar-

The Uoited States has charged that the Yinhe was carrying chemical weapons precursors. thiodiglycol and thiooyl chloride for Iran. But China has denied the charge, saying the 24 containers destined for Iran comprised only stationery, small metals and

China has proposed inspection of the ship by a third party but said Washington bas rejected the offer.

On Thursday, Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Qin Huasun launched a strong attack on the United States, accusing its navy of harassing the Yinhe and threatening to seek compensa-

discussed the problem with UAE authorities last week but no details of the talks were revealed. Chinese embassy sources said on Sunday they were still in touch with the UAE government to find a solution but they declined to claborate.

"The U.S. side has seriously disrupted the normal navigation of the Chinese cargo ship. This is a fact which the U.S. side can not deny," Mr. Qin said in a statement distributed by the Chinese embassy in the UAE on Thurs-



## Resignations, graft hit Yeltsin

MOSCOW (R) — Russia's foreign trade minister resigned at the weekeod, declaring himself victim of a push for power by mafia bands, as a corruption scandal began eating into the beart of President Boris Yeltsin's govern-

occupied West Bank about 10 kilometres outside

Jerusalem where he was working as an armed

Minister for Foreign Economic Relations Sergei Glazyev, 32, was summoned back to Moscow in mid-flight on Friday night, hours after leaving on a five-nation African tour,

He resigned on Saturday, the second minister to go in two days. Mr. Glazyev, appointed in De-cember, denied accusations by a presidential commission of chaos and graft in his department. "We are now deciding what to

do with a number of ministers, bead of the presidential administration's control department Alexei Ilyushenko said, hinting at further departures. "If things continue like this Russia may well turn into some

kind of banana republic with coups, corruption, a complete lack of understanding between the branches of power," he told ITAR-TASS news agency.

In his resignation letter, Mr. Glazyev accused Justice Minister Yuri Kalmykov and First Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Shumeiko, himself under investigation on corruption accusations, of bounding him from

Mr. Glazyev told Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin he had won enemies by his recent introduction of new regulations cut-ting the number of firms allowed licences to export oil and metals.

'Opposition turned into open persecution of myself - at the moment we began implementing an automatic system of controls on the export of strategie raw materials and reorganising military-technical cooperation." Mr. Glazyev said.

Russia has lost, at very least, millions of dollars through illicit export of metals and oil below world prices. Locrative, well organised deals have spawned fortunes that inevitably bring political influence in a land of low-paid officials. Bebind it all, Mr. Glazyev said.

was "the struggle for power of

mafia bands, feeling their interests threatened by the actions of the ministry bringing order to foreign ecocomic activity.

Mr. Glazyev announced the new regulations shortly before a key final meeting of the corruption commission last week.

Foreign Mioister Andrei Kozyrev condemned Mr. Glazyev's allegations. "At a time when we need more than ever consolidation in the presidential and government structures such talk of infighting in the government ... deeply regrettable."

Mr. Glazyev's departure came day after Information Minister Mikhail Fedotov resigned, accusing parliament of moving to take control of the media. But Mr. Fedotov bad long fallen into dis-favour with Mr. Yeltsin who clearly wants a stronger figure in

Several days earlier a deputy economics minister was sacked in connection with the presidential corruption probe and three weeks ago Security Ministry Viktor Barannikov was dismissed on hitherto unspecified charges of unethical behaviour.

"Whoever objects to politicis-

ing the army should be careful

aboot making such comments

against the army, especially at this time," Mr. Rabin added. An

official in Mr. Rabin's office con-

firmed the remarks carried by

Israeli radios and the Itim news

The controversy persisted after

President Ezer Weizman, a for-

## GCC to give \$400 million to Lebanon

MANAMA (AFP) — Six Gulf Arah states will give Lebanon \$400 million to help it recover from Israel's seven-day bombardment last month, officials travelling with Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said Sunday.

The sum would account for all but \$100 million that the Arab League promised on July 31, the officials said after Mr. Hariri arrived here for talks with Bahrain's emir. Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al Khalifa.

Mr. Hariri arrived here from Damascus, accompanied by Arab League Secretary General Esmat

Abdul Meguid.
Saudi Arabia would give \$200
million, Kuwait \$75 million and
Qatar \$35 million, while Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman would provide the remainder, they said. No breakdown was available

for the other three members of the six-month Gulf Cooperation Council.

The foreign ministers of the 21-member Arab League decided in Damascus on July 31 to pro-vide emergency aid to rebuild tens of thousands of buildings destroyed or damaged in the July 25-July 31 Israeli bombardment of South Lebanon.

Some of the money was also meant for equipping the Lebanese army, which has deployed in the south...
The officials said the remaining

\$100 million in aid would be provided by other Arab countries, including Egypt and Syria, with each disbursing \$10 million.

Bahrain's foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammad Ben Mubar-

ak Al Khalifa, told reporters after a meeting with Mr. Hariri his country would reopen its embassy in Beirut, closed since the 1975-1990 Lebanese civil war. Mr. Hariri and Dr. Abdul

Meguid were next scheduled to travel to Qatar on Sunday and to Oman on Monday. The United Nations is also to launch a multimillion dollar project to help reconstruct areas of

southern Lebanon ravaged by last

Housing Minister Bejamin

Ben-Eliezer, a reservist general, said he was shocked by Mr. Sha-

mir's outhurst made "while the

graves are fresh and the blood

Benjamin Netanyahu, Likud's current leader, also binted that he

thought Mr. Shamir went too far.

He said Israelis had to be "careful

in criticising the army because the

government of being too weak

against Hizbollah, calling the

ceasefire a joke and urging incur-

kill our soldiers in the security

"In essence there is licence to

Some questions also were

raised Sunday by an internal army investigation. Newspapers

said initial probes showed possi-

ble intelligence-gathering and

planning failure may have contri-buted to the bigh death toll

sions deeper into Lebanon.

Mr. Netanyahn accused the

month's bombardments.

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mediate danger.

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) -Britain's Princess Diana spent a four-day holiday at the tomis islands of Bali and Sumbawa, an official said. An immigration spokesman, Hario Subayu, said Princess Diana arrived Money from Colombo, Sri Lanka, with two other people aboard a chartered Canadian plane. He said the princess travelled to the resort island of Sumbawa, West Nusa Tenggara, about 1,050 kilometres (651 miles) east of Jakarta. She then spent a day at

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) -Angela, a tioy Siamese twin separated from her sister in a delicate operation, was still critically ill early Sunday as doctors remained tight-lipped on her chances of a light-survival. The surgical team who performed a five-and-a-halfayor operation Friday to separatedic baby twins, who were joined at the chest, said they would only be able to give a prognosis 72 hours after the operation. Doctors at after the operation. the Philadelphia Children's Hospital bad to reconstruct Angela's liver and heart to give her .2 chance of survival. But her sister

## Clinton, daughter

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MES sachusetts (R) — President Bill Clinton sparked pandemonium as crowds of people trying to get a glimpse of bim surged forward, forcing Secret Service agents to

## Kabin, army under fire over Lebanon

TEL AVIV (AP) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned rightwing rivals Sunday to be careful about attacking the army after top generals came under harsh criticism over the deaths of nine

soldiers in Lebanon. Parents of fallen soldiers also appealed for an end to the politicactimooy triggered by Thursday's disaster-Israel's worst casualty toll in Lebanon since

The controversy underscored questions about whether Israel's weeklong bombardment of South Lebanon a month ago, dubbed 'Operation Accountability' had succeeded in distancing the threat of resistance fighters.

It also highlighted emotionridden questions of whether the military may be criticised in the course of battle, a particularly sensitive subject in this country where most men and womeo serve io the army.

Mr. Rabin's remarks at the weekly cabinet session Sunday followed attacks on the army by

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former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of the right-wing Likud Party and former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, head of the rightist Zomet Party.

The chief of staff should solve security problems and find solntions for terrorism instead of glor-ifying Assad," Mr. Shamir told Israel radio Friday, referring to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

Barak's had said in interviews that Syrla appeared to be sticking to the unstated terms of the U.S.brokered ceasefire achieved in Mr. Shamir also accused the

generals, known to be decidedly

mer air force chief and defence Mr. Rabin defeated Mr. Sha-

ended 15 years of Likud domination in government. Mr. Eitan was quoted as calling on Gen. Barak to resign over the Lebanon deaths.

Mr. Rabin, a former chief of staff who commanded the army during the 1967 Mideast war, opened the weekly cabinet session Sunday by saying that the government has complete confidence in the chief of staff and the

more dovisb than himself, of "politicking," and blindly follow-ing those who are leading us to a national catastrophe," apparently referring to Middle East peace negotiations over Israel conceding the occupied Golan Heights

minister, urged politicians who disagree with the peace talks to

## Majali optimistic of 11th round

## an agenda for discussions on ma-

complicating Palestiniao-Israeli negotiations were Palestinian attempts to get Israel recognise. the Palestice Liberation Orgaoisation (PLO) as their political leadership. He repeated Jordan's recogni-

tion of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. "If there is no political recogni-

tion of the PLO, it will be difficult for Palestimans to negotiate details that will enable them to reach agreement with Israel." "But there are many indica-

tions that the step (recognition)

m this direction is moving ... but it is going to be difficult and will take time," Dr. Majali added. Dr. Majali said Jordan would never sign any peace deal on behalf of the Palestinians or the PLO and vowed to support them in their struggle to attain state-

hood and gain their political

"We refuse to speak on behalf of the Palestinians," Dr. Majali said. "We provided the Palestinians with the umbrella of a joint delegation primarily to allow for the emergence of a Palestinian

Dr. Majali said: "Jordan is committed to a negotiated settlement, but we will not sign a separate peace treaty with Israel. "We are against unilateral agreements," Dr. Majali said. We are advocates of a comprehensive solution and Jordan will

Dr. Majali said unlike Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians, Jordan and Israel have finalised

Despite the progress, Dr. Ma-jali said Jordan and Israel needed to resolve outstanding problems pertaining to water sharing, occupied Jordanian lands and re-

been encouraging Palestinian migration from the occupied terntories by relaxing departure regulations for the Palestinian residents of the occupied West Bank

Palestinians departing the territories each day reach 'thousands," up from 800 at the beginning of 1993. Dr. Majali also said that he saw

"Our hands are stretched wide

open to them and things are promising with some of our brethern in the Gulf," Dr. Majali told the meeting. "We hope this will also be the case with others." Dr. Majali said the peace talks have helped Jordan overcome

by Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Dr. Majali said Jordan had been calling for Arah reconciliation since the start of the crisis because it was genuinely concerned by the dangers the emerg-

"We declare openly that i there is no Arab reconciliation, the oew world order will impose things on the region instead of it being a party to forming and

ing new U.S.-led world order

would have on a fragmented re-

#### caused by the roadside bombings. 'please attack the process and Meeting focuses on 'code of honour

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Objectivity is another main principle that should be respected in the profession, he said.

classified information he or she would be at a loss to publish it and gain publicity or be careful not to reveal secrets that might be harmful to the nation, Dr. Majali said. He said that the journalist should sacrifice his or her own interest of the sake of serving the national interest

the meeting.

Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad Al Anani. who took over from Dr. Majali who left the meeting because of a If a journalist gets access to previous engagement, answered journalists' questions on issues related to the information policy

as well as other subjects. Mostly, Dr. Anani, an eloquent and quickwitted speaker, reiterated Jordan's known policies and approaches and managed to keep one step ahead of the questioners.

#### Islamist trend to take part in polls (Continued from page I) tradouonal and tribal groups by

The front is a coalition of Muslim Brotherhood members and independent Islamists. Its members were resisting decision by the government to change voting rules after dissolving the old Parliament.

The front has so far declined comment on the King's move condemned by most of Jordan's 20 political parties hut welcomed by tribal leaders, the royallyappointed Upper House and dignitaries.

"The final decision will be taken by majority at a meeting of the IAF's 120-member Shura (consultative) council on Thursday afternoon," the front official

King Hussein ratified a new law on Tuesday, sweeping away a system under which each voter had as many voters as there were seats in his constituency. People will have only one vote each. Most officials and politicians

say the changes will tilt the ba-

lance in favour of mainstream,

In an address endorsing the changes, the King singled out the front for criticism but explicitly urged it to shoulder its responsibilities as a leading political pow-

reducing the power base of most

parties and the front

In the past few days, he has promised free and fair elections and gone out of his way to encourage the 1.5 million eligible voters to take part.

Jordan, after almost four decades of absolute rule, began its return to democracy after 1989 price riots.

The front, formed after Jordan lifted a 1957 ban on political parties in October, is the Muslim Brotherhood's political arm. With government support over the years, it was able to build solid grassroot support through a

network of social and medical

services and by maintaining a

monopoly over mosques. This helped them make buge gains in 1989 elections, the first in 22 years, when candidates ran as independents

## Michael Jordan: 'I've just got to

move forward" WASHINGTON (R) - ILE basketball star Michael login, speaking publicly for the art speaking publicly for the artificial time about his father's munder, said Saturday be was holding up well and must now get on with his life, "I'm doing fine," Jordan told reporters at a press conference. 'I'm doing really good," he said "I'm strong mentally and shong physically. And I've just gor to move forward." Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls basketball team to three consecutive Namo al Basketball Association chanpionships, made the comm

a press conference at a golf

tournament near Washington in which he played. Jordan issued a

written statement in Chicago

#### Thursday about the murder but bad oot spoken publicly abouted until Saturday. Heart problems complicate Mother Teresa treatment

NEW DELHI (R) - Mother Teresa is being treated in intersive care in a New Delhi hospital for malaria but her case is being complicated by her heart prob-lems, a member of her Missionaries of Charity said Sunday. "She can't take the full dose of medicine to treat the malaria because it affects the beart and this is take complicating ber treatment," Sister Joanne told Reuters after visiting the Nobel Peace Prize winner. A hospital bulletin hid Mother Teresa, who will be him Ang. 27, had difficulty breating saturday night, a legacy of her long-standing heart problem. But the problem was treated successfully and she remained in stable couditioo in the intensive care unit of the All-India Institute for Medical Sciences, Delhi's top hospital, the bulletin said. It gave by no indication of how long Mother | jelg Teresa would remain in hospital. but earlier reports from her doo-tors indicated she was in no in-

#### Diana spends 4 days in Bali and Sumbawa Island

Bali before leaving on the same

#### Siamese twin critical after separation

Amy died during surgery.

## mobbed at farm fair

forcing Secret Service agents form a protective ring around the at an agricultural fair. Mr. Contains ton and his 13-year-old danging ton and his 13-year-old Chelsea visited a farm and livestock show on this rural island of high the New England coast, where the Clintons are spending a 10day holiday. Residents and holiday-makers on the island had been reported to be fairly blase about the president's visit. But that was not the case at the fairgrounds: Hundreds of people. many of them apparently waiting hours to see Mr. Clinton, created a nightmare for agents charged with protecting the president. Upon their arrival, Mr. Clinton and Cheisea took a look at an exhibit of arts and crafts inside an exhibition ball. As they emerged. Chelsea bad a look of terror of her face when she saw the throng waiting outside. People pushed and shoved to get close to president; and agents logged hands to form a protective me around Mr. Clinton.

## specialised in raiding Christian jewellers' shops and killing lowthe militants used to move exploranking policemen. U.S. entry — lawyer

TEL AVIV (R) - John Demjanjok has been assured of U.S. ith at entry papers once the Israeli supreme court that acquitted him of being Nazi guard "Ivan the terriig at le ble lets him leave the Jewish

Israeli Chief Judge Meir Sham-

gar on Friday blocked Mr. Demanjuk's release until at least Sept. 2 while Nazi hunters and holocaust survivors angry at his acquittal seek a trial for other alleged war crimes. There is permission from the U.S. embassy the moment the court here will allow the depar-

old former carworker extradited from the United States in 1986. "The U.S. embassy will on the spot give the Israeli police a document called a parole and be ide Demjanjuk will have the means to be able to return to the United States," Mr. Sheftel told Reuters.

He said the papers were arranged with the help of James Traficant, a U.S. congressman from Mr. Demjanjuk's home Accor state of Ohio, who was in Israel last week on the family's hehalf. The court acquitted Demjan-

> occupied Poland during World But the U.S. Justice Department, American Jewish groups

alongside Afghan guerrillas fighting the Soviet army in the 1980s. The two would be assassins were members of the revolutionary Talach Al Fatah (Vanguard of the Conquest), police said. The attackers, waiting on a motorcycle, detonated a bomb as

the minister's motorcade drove was a suicide attack. A statement faxed to the Associated Press said Jibad carried out the attempt on Gen.

Alfi's life. It said it was in revenge for militants being tried and hanged in military courts set up by President Hosni Mubarak last December to fight a growing wave of militancy in Egypt. Egypt, defying criticism by hu-

man rights groups, has carried out the largest wave of executions for political crimes io the country this century. On Saturday, a military court condemned four militants to

death for murder and plotting against the state, bringing to 25 the number of Islamists condemned to death since December. The convicts, members of the militant Al Shawqiyoon group,

## sives around without arousing Demjanjuk assured of

Nadler of New York have been fighting Mr. Demjanjuk's return to the United States. Evidence Mr. Demjanjuk was at Sobibor death camp, where 250,000 Jews died, and several other Nazi camps have prompted state, his lawyer said Sunday. demands for a new trial from

Nazi hunters, holocaust survivors and other Jewish groups in Israel and the United States. Petitioners against Mr. Demianiuk release have until Sept. 2 to submit in writing their reasons for demanding another five-judge hearing. At that time Judge Shamgar could free Mr. Demianjuk, order the hearing or schedule yet another hearing before a

single judge on whether a fivejudge hearing is jsutified. Mr. Demjanjuk der es having been a guard at any zi camp. His son John Deinjanjuk Jr. and son-in-law Ed Nishnie left for the Uoited States Saturday after waiting in Israel for more than three weeks hoping to escort him back to Cleveland, Ohio, where he settled after the war.

Mr. Sheftel said he expected their return to Israel shortly. Mr. Demjanjuk had been expected back in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Sept. 3 U.S. appeal court hearing on restoring his U.S. citizenship, revoked in 1981 be-

cause he concealed his wartime Israel's government said earlier this month it was in the public interest to avoid a new trial because conviction was uncertain, day.

# to Gulf

The 21,000-tonne Yinhe, which

international waters but it headed

"The ship is still under our

machine parts.

Chinese and U.S. diplomats

unless there is tangible progress on the Palestinian-Israeli dimen-

Licutenant-General Ebnd

Lebanon July 31.

## mir in the 1992 elections which

jor issues of contention between both countries.

The premier said Israel bas

and Gaza Strip.

Dr. Majali said the number of

new encouraging signs in efforts to mend fences with Gulf Arab

the misconception of its stance during the Gulf crisis" triggered Kuwait. He did not elaborate.

not advance in the negotiations shaping matters," he added.